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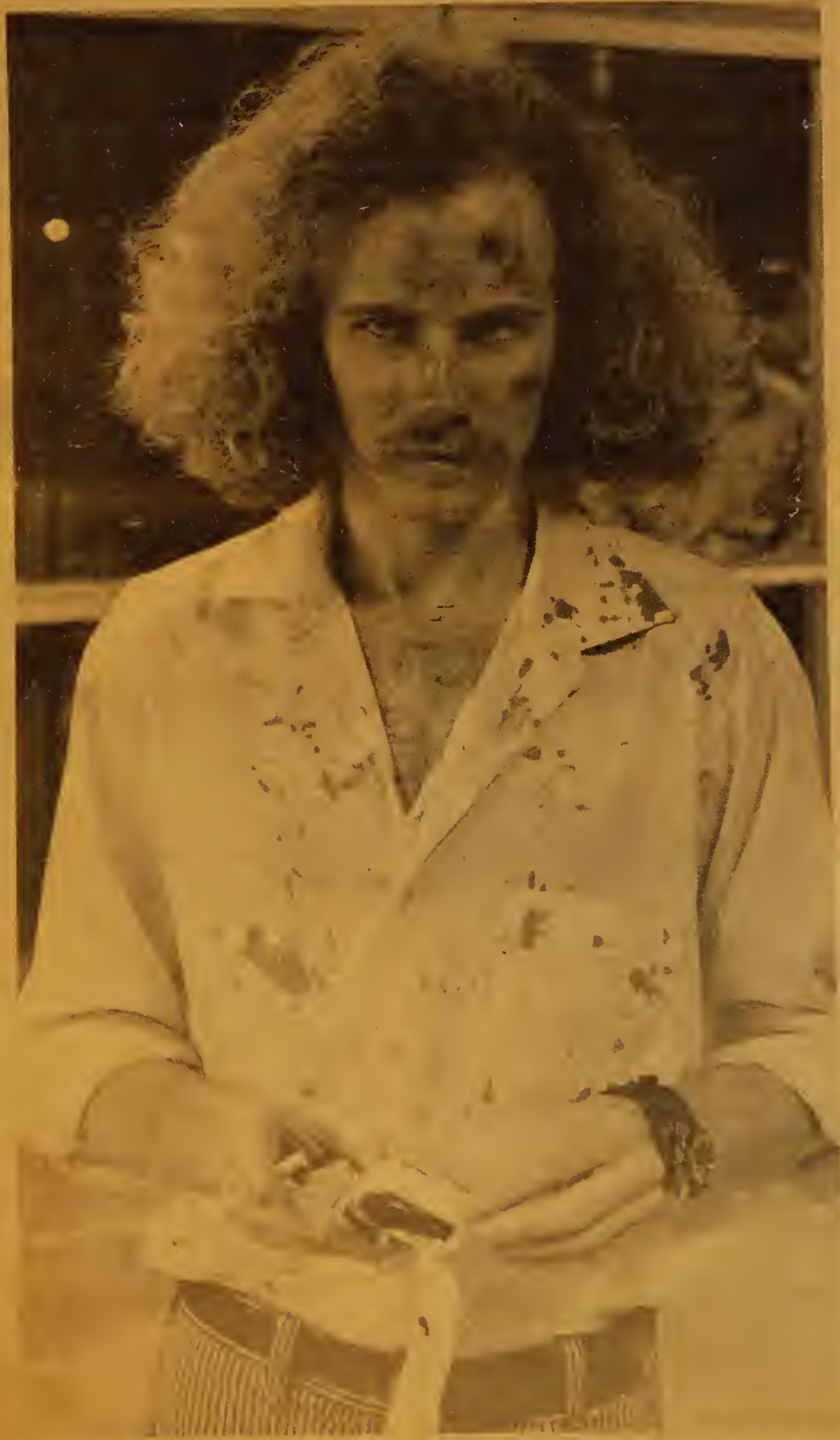


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# HOUSTON FREAKS GREET SPIRO...

## \$100-A-PLATE

By Victoria Smith and Thorne Dreyer

Houston hippies got unruly and Houston pigs ran amuck Thursday night, Jan. 21, at the Ass-hole-World Hotel right here in Space City. Seems Spiro came to town, to give the Vince Lombardi award to the college football lineman of the year. The event was a wear-your-best-duds \$100-a-plate dinner. (And the mashed potatoes were probably cold, too.)

A large number of irate citizens — mostly of the young and scraggly variety — also made the scene. We thought there were close to 1,000; the commercial media said 400. Thirty seven (including a Chronicle reporter — heaven forbid!) ended up in the clink, mostly for "creating a disturbance." We'll present gory details of that action later in this here article.

It was certainly appropriate that some of those present that night should have had justice meted out to them. Only one mistake: the real criminals were inside the hotel, not in the streets. The fat cats dining on \$100-catered teevee dinners and Agnew's succulent metaphors, getting rich off sneaky stock deals; *they're* the ones creating a disturbance.

The event was theater. Red Coyotes wore gory grease paint death masks or righteous war paint. A genuine pig's head was carried around on a stake. It was to be presented to Agnew ("Ham of

the Year") in a special awards ceremony, but Spiro did not show to accept the honor.

Several demonstrators carried large NLF flags, and signs in the crowd ranged from "Spiro Eats Cow Patties" to "Red Coyotes Say: Support the PRG" (Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam). The crowd sang, chanted and played kazoos.

The whole scene was a mixed metaphor. People were joyous, yet angry. We expressed our outrage at Agnew the war criminal, while, at the same time, laughing at Spiro the buffoon, Spiro the Foot-in-mouth.

A Red Coyote press release had said, "We must always confront and express our righteous anger against the puppet masters of the Death Kulture. But we must also rejoice in the birth of our new community, that we not become like them with their stone-frozen frowns.

"We mourn for the Vietnamese, slaughtered at countless My Lais, whose land has been decimated by napalm and Amerikan defoliants. But we celebrate the spirit of the Vietnamese people, who throughout hundreds of years of fighting against outside aggressors with superior technological capability, have continued to exhibit a fantastic determination and will to win back their country and preserve their culture."

Perhaps the most significant aspect of this demonstration, as compared to previous Houston pow-wows, was the militancy of the participants. It wasn't just a few ring-leaders who were chanting and pig-baiting and carrying on. The crowd was on the whole young, spirited and together.

People shouted "One, two, three, four, we don't want your fucking war" with gusto. Two popular chants, "Free Lee Otis," and, "These pigs killed Carl," were mentioned in the Chronicle, followed by a paragraph explaining who Lee Otis and Carl Hampton are. This was great: militant hippies voicing strong support for black revolutionaries!

As the evening wore on energy began to dwindle and it became clear that the demonstration needed some directed action, some clear target. It was nearing 8 p.m., Spiro's scheduled speaking time, and there was talk of moving off the sidewalk towards the hotel doors.

People stood facing each other across Kirby — shouting, chanting, laughing. We began parading back and forth across the street, defying traffic as well as the police.

"Food should be free, you shouldn't have to pay \$100 a plate for it," a sister shouted to the crowd. People responded with cheers and cries of "Right on!" But attention never became focused on the bigwigs inside; the confrontation was clear-

## 'I thought

Debby Sirman called the Space City! office last week. She had a story to tell. Her story was one of many that came out of the confrontation at Spirow Agnew's speech Jan. 21. But perhaps her tale, more than any of the others we heard, gets across the irrationality and brutality of the Houston police.

So Space City!'s Vicky Smith and Thorne Dreyer packed a cassette tape recorder, piled into a car and headed for the St. Joseph's Hospital Drug Rehabilitation Center where Debby and friends Monica Cerrone and Robin Sylvester are patients. The girls are part of the Project Adolescent Development (PAD), composed of young people, some formerly strung out on hard drugs, others with emotional problems. (Debby was on speed; Monica took lots of acid and thorazine.) Debby is the president of the PAD, selected by her peers and the staff.

We talked with Debby and Monica. (Robin is referred to in the interview, but is not quoted. She was visiting with her parents most of the time we were there.) Debby is 16 years old; Monica is 14; and Robin is 15.

All three got passes to attend the Agnew demonstration. And all three ended up getting busted, though they were eventually released to the hospital. All three, especially Debby and Robin, received brutal treatment from the Houston pigs. Many of us on the scene (and some of the local news media) saw Debby being dragged to a police car, naked from the waist up. (See picture this page.)

Debby was the first busted; the other two were persistently trying to communicate to the police that Debby was a patient at St. Joseph's and needed regular medication. They all ended up in jail.

Debby showed us bruises all over her body and knots on her head. She was knocked unconscious several times during the melee. Robin was just getting over a case of chronic bronchitis — they claimed she was faking her cough and wouldn't even give her water at the jail. She also has bruises, and her face is swollen. "My nerves in-



Pigs rip off Debby Sirman.

Photo by Walter Nelson



# RIOT!

ly brewing on Kirby Drive.

A few cars passed by during this time, and most of the drivers seemed dumbfounded by the spectacle before them. But the crowd went wild with elated cheers as a black bus driver guided his empty vehicle along the street, with a clenched fist and a smile of solidarity on his face.

Suddenly a fierce chant of "One, two, three, four, we don't want your fucking war!" swept through the crowd and the folks moved joyfully into the street. It was our war cry and we were literally dancing to it. The steady rhythm of the chant was as captivating as the sounds of a rock band.

But this festive, defiant scene was short-lived. The pigs got spooked. After all, it was about time for Spiro to pontificate and, who knows, we just might've all danced our way into the Grand Ballroom and stolen the show!

A paddy wagon sped past a line of waiting patrol cars into the crowd; the police started grabbing people, as whirlypigs soared menacingly overhead. Herman Short, who apparently decided to forego the pleasure of hearing Spiro's wise words, joined our little gathering. Short later told newsmen that some hippie threw a bottle against

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Death to the Death Culture, Life to the Life Culture!

photo by Doyle Niemann

## they were going to kill her"

side me are so bad — they tightened up so much on me it was like I was crashing from something."

There were no inconsistencies in the three girls' stories, and many of the specific incidents they describe were corroborated by other witnesses.

Mark Bell described the ride to the police station with Debby. Murray Covens of Switchboard was standing on the sidewalk next to Monica and Robin (though at the time he didn't know their names) after Debby had been busted. He said they were screaming at the cops that they were from the hospital, that they were all supposed to stick together, and that they wanted help for Debby. He said Robin was trying to get them to take her down to the station, "but they grabbed her and dragged her away very roughly for no reason at all."



DEBBY: I was on the curb. I had one foot on the grass and one foot on the esplanade, and you know, there wasn't any room to move back, so the police shoved their shittin' dogs on us. And anyway, I was lighting my cigaret and this policeman shoved me with his billy club.

He pushed me over on the grass, and I picked up my cigaret and told him I was going to light it. And after I got back up, he started strumming on me with his billy club. He grabbed my throat and started hitting me with his billy club.

MONICA: They dragged her over and tore off her pancho and her shirt. She was stripped completely from the waist up.

DEBBY: And every time they hit me they were laughing about it. I remember that part. I was up beside the paddy wagon, I was unconscious.

MONICA: They kept beating on her and beating on her and I got mad because I thought they were going to kill her, you know. It looked like it, it really did.

DEBBY: And then they made Monica and Robin stand back and watch it all.

I want to tell you what happened when they got me to the paddy wagon and I didn't have any clothes on or anything like that. Every time I came to, they kept on hitting me, and you know,

I kept on getting blacked out.

I was beside the paddy wagon, and I came to, and the pig looked at me and said, "You know, you look like you know a hell of a lot about sexual intercourse." I told him, "What are you, some kind of sadist?" And then he hit me over the head with his billy club.

And then I came to again and I finally stood up, you know, and one of the pigs grabbed me by my throat and he wouldn't let go. I told him, "Would you please let go, you're strangling me." He strangled me all the way until I was unconscious.

Anyway, you know that Mike dude, that little bitty Mike?

SPACE CITY: You mean Mark Bell? He told us he was in the car with you.

DEBBY: Yeah, anyway, the policeman in there started cussing at us, called us a bunch of little whores and bitches. He told us he was going to make our heads go through the wire frame. And you know, at 75 miles an hour on the freeway he hit the brakes of the car. My head hit up against the mesh screen; it dinged me out real bad. And then, inside the police station, they started shoving me around inside the cell, you know, and they started calling me a bunch of names.

One of the pigs even told me, he said, "You know, I wish to God I would have killed you back there."

They beat on me in the police station and inside the car, I mean it, they just, they slammed me up into this cell and I hit the side and I passed out.

It took me three days before I really was able to get out of bed. And I'll show you all the bruises I got all over my legs and all over my body.

MONICA: Anyway, they held us back while they were trying to get to her. And so I said, "Could I talk to the sergeant, you know, I just want to talk to him, man." I wanted to explain that she was from a mental hospital and I was going to tell him that she had to have medication at a certain time. And he said, "No, we haven't got time to waste on you." And I said, "Please, let me tell you, man, it's important."

SPACE CITY: Was this while they were beating her up?

MONICA: This was after they had dragged her off. So Robin stands down into the road for about

30 minutes. And the police just ignored her. So finally, these other two policemen came off the esplanade and came over all of a sudden, and grabbed her and knocked her down and said, "Get back up on the curb." And she said, no, she wanted to talk to a policeman, to the sergeant. And so all of a sudden they start strumming her head and drag her off. That's when I really got hacked off. After a lot of hassle, I went over to a sergeant and said, "Can I talk to you for a minute, sir?" "No, I can't waste my time on you." And I said, "It's very important, it's about two people you took in. They're juveniles and they're from the drug rehab. center and they have to take certain medication."

"That's not my problem. That's not my fault. I could care less about those kids." And he turned around and walked off. So I told a policeman, I said, well if I have to, I'll go down to the station myself. So I got in the car.

And so we got down to the police station and this redneck pig in the front, he gets out, and he had been calling us all these names, white trash, two-bit whores and all this, all the way down there. He pulled Robin over and started messing with her.

And this big tall man walks up and says, "These more kids from that riot?" And I said, "Yes, sir, we are." I was trying to be polite, you know. And I only had one bump on my head where they'd knocked me up against the pavement and so I had a headache, but that was about all. So I went in there and I tried to talk to him, and he told me he didn't want to listen to me.

And I got kind of aggravated about this, and they kept telling me to shut up, and I said, "Well, look, this is important." It was around nine, and this chick was starting to miss her medications, you know, they give her four a night. And I noticed she started shaking. And I was trying to find Debby. I was very concerned about her and they wouldn't tell me anything about her. Finally, they brought her into this room and she couldn't even sit up.

DEBBY: And they were bitching at me and shoving me around because I couldn't sit up and I couldn't even say my own name, that's how messed up I was. . . . I told them that I didn't have anything to do with any of the fighting or anything like that, and they said, well that's just your tough luck for being in the wrong place at the wrong time, and we're glad we got you.





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# Up Against the Law

## White Panthers

The trial of three members of the White Panther Party in Detroit — John Sinclair, Pun Plamondon and Jack Forrest — began in Detroit on Jan. 26. The three are charged with conspiring to bomb a CIA office in Ann Arbor, Michigan Sept. 29, 1968. Pun is also charged with the actual bombing. Both John and Pun are presently imprisoned on 5 and 10-year drug convictions and Jack is serving a 5-year sentence for allegedly harboring a fugitive. — Guardian



## Angela Davis

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (LNS) — "I am innocent of all charges and the victim of a political frame-up," stated Angela Davis at her arraignment on Jan. 5 in San Rafael on charges of murder and kidnapping in connection with the Aug. 7 courthouse shootout in this town. She requested permission to act as co-counsel in her own defense since "a system of justice which virtually condemns to silence the one person who stands to lose most would seem to be self-defeating."

Angela is charged with supplying the guns used last August by Jonathan Jackson in his attempt to free three black prisoners from San Quentin who were on trial. According to California law, an accessory to a crime receives the same punishment as the "criminal."

Angela, assisted by a team of five attorneys, moved that the court dismiss the indictment for lack of evidence and set bail. The defense was given 30 days to file written arguments and the prosecution 15 days to answer those arguments. The court is expected to reconvene for action on the motions early in March.

## Panther 21

In New York, the prosecution continues in the months old trial of the Panther 21. The group is charged with conspiracy to bomb several New York department stores on Easter Day, 1969.

In an opening statement to the jury, defendant Afeni Shakur, speaking in her own defense, talked of the charge.

Poor people, she said, have never been able to budget so as to do their holiday shopping in advance. "There has never been a holiday in the calendar year that did not catch poor people unawares . . . so that the days leading up to Easter, Christmas and Thanksgiving find the department stores in the downtown area crowded with nobody but poor people. To accuse any of us . . . of planning to annihilate these people, these people whom we have sworn to protect, shows the crazed, fanatical mind of the state."

## Seattle 7

The seven Seattle Conspiracy defendants, jailed Dec. 15, have had their bail set at \$25,000 each by a three-judge U.S. court of appeals panel in San Francisco. The seven were the victims of one of the latest techniques in legal repression when Tacoma, Washington judge George Boldt interrupted their trial on conspiracy charges and imprisoned the group for contempt of court, after several of them had attempted to directly address the jury. Two weeks later the court of appeals ordered bail be set pending an appeal of the contempt charges, but Boldt balked. The Seattle Seven are accused under the federal anti-riot laws of conspiracy in a protest demonstration last Feb. 17 against the Chicago 8 trial.

## Bobby and Ericka

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (LNS) — Every day Ericka Huggins emerges with her lawyer, Catherine Roraback, from a second floor double-doored room in New Haven's marble courthouse. For about five seconds, the people waiting to get in, can see her on the balcony before she is taken into the courtroom. There she sits at the defense table with co-defendant Bobby Seale, watching a long train of prospective jurors go up to the stand — most of them come down again, unchosen. This has continued for over two months now. It's not easy to find 12 "impartial" jurors that both the defense and the prosecution can agree on.

Today court let out at one o'clock. We were gathered right outside. In the driveway of the courthouse a new maroon automobile was waiting. A man in a slick black suit was rapidly pumping the accelerator. Two or three other state police, similarly dressed, waited next to the car to guard their two charges all the way back to their respective prisons.

Ericka appeared and saw us — about three dozen women wearing headbands. The men pushed her into the car with still another black suited policeman in the driver's seat. We ran out into the street as soon as the car began to pull out. With a roar the car began to dash away, but not before we saw her and she saw us. Ericka, wearing a coat which swallowed her up, had that incredible smile on her face. We hollered war-whoops and ran as fast behind the car as we could, ignoring the lethargic mid-day traffic.

Ericka turned around to look back at us. We could see the stiff backs of the men seated beside her in the car. She kept her head turned sharply back as long as we were in sight.

It was easy to cry then, as the exhaust fumes slowly disappeared into the crusts of snow and ice that are left from the last snow that fell in New Haven. We took our headbands off, and then we looked at each other and put them back on. A plainclothes cop saw one headband rolling across the street towards him. He sneered and stepped on it.

It was just one day of the trial, and a small revolt. But we'll be back again. As the trial drags on through the winter and into the spring, we'll be back. — Nina



# BLOW UP!



Hutto in custody of federal agents photo by Gary Thiher

by Dennis Fitzgerald

I haven't yet heard of any defense committees being formed to "Save the Pasadena 3" — Jimmy Hutto, Russell Rector and Ronford Styron: all charged with conspiring to bomb Pacifica radio stations in California — but maybe there ought to be.

Radicals are righteously indignant about repressive police measures used against the left. But the fact that these tactics are applied almost solely against the left inspires the question: is it the repression that we object to, or simply the repression of *us*?

I was a little surprised and much relieved therefore, to discover my reaction to the proceedings against Hutto & Co. — those guys are getting screwed! And in the process, so are we.

They're not getting screwed necessarily by being unjustly accused. Hutto, at least, by his past record is a good suspect. But it's no more pleasureable seeing the concept of "justice" trammelled in our own supposed behalf.

The salient point in cases of repression is that the government is acting on political considerations rather than proceeding out of any regard for justice. In the American government's game to maintain and extend its power, the "rules" are not guides to acceptable methods of conduct so much as they are tools to be selectively applied or discarded as is most useful.

The actions of the government against the black movement (notably the Black Panther Party), against white radicals, and thus far against the accused Pacifica bombers is immeasurably more ominous than the alleged legal transgressions. This would be true even if the government's accu-

sations were valid, and in most of these cases they have been proven to be totally without merit.

As an example, consider the case against Hutto.

## Hutto as a political activist

Jimmy Dale Hutto is probably the most notorious right-wing activist in the city — even though he has never previously been filed against for his actions. In 1969, he infiltrated the SDS chapter at the University of Houston as an agent for the United Klans of America, and for a period of two months he actually lived with leaders of the organization. (Frank Converse, Grand Dragon of the Texas arm of the UKA, recently boasted of this feat in an interview given to a Pacifica reporter.)

In Oct of last year Hutto and a friend of his, Louis Beam, were stopped for questioning by Houston police following a bomb threat against radio station KNUZ. The pair was apprehended in the area of the station, driving at night with their lights off. Police reportedly found several guns and an undisclosed quantity of Klan literature in the car. Hutto was also said to have a highly explosive mixture of gas and oil stashed in a can placed between his legs and covered with a coat. Although any leftists caught in such a compromising situation would undoubtedly have been gleefully strung-up on the spot, Hutto and Beam were let go after only a brief interrogation.

The team of Hutto and Beam was suspect also in numerous other minor incidents (including several directed against the Space City! office), but since there was never the sort of unassailable "finger-in-the-pie" evidence which city police

seem to require in such cases, nothing ever came of the complaints. On two other occasions, however, Houston police refused to act even with substantial evidence.

On Oct. 9, 1969, before Pacifica's first transmission, the station's landlord caught several men trying to force their way into the locked KPFT

offices, then located at 1200 Bissonnet. He moved the men out of the building, at which point one of them tossed a rock through one of the station's windows. A passing patrol car was flagged down by the landlord and caught up with the group several blocks away. But police failed to take any action against the would-be robbers. One of the men in that group was Hutto's sidekick, Louis Beam.

Another incident occurred in March, 1969, during a UH Student Mobilization Committee march in front of the local draft board offices. Police security had been much in evidence for the duration of the march. But at one point all officers abruptly disappeared. Simultaneously, Hutto, Beam and a third unidentified man charged into the group of demonstrators and attempted to rip off an NLF flag being carried by an SDS member. The demonstrators' response — perhaps to the surprise of the attacking trio — was decidedly non-violent. Just at the moment when Hutto and friends seemed to be faring most badly, however, the police reappeared, "rescuing" both the attackers and the flag. A photograph of Beam, holding the flag (apparently a memento from the police as a gesture of their appreciation) later appeared in the Houston Tribune. Beam told the Tribune that far from restraining them, the police "helped us."

So the record seems to indicate clearly the placement of Jimmy Hutto's political sympathies (and incidentally the police's also). Further, as a chemical plant worker, Hutto might be reasonably suspected to have access to both the knowledge and the materials necessary for a bombing career.

However, the arrest and conspiracy indictment against Hutto, on closer examination, looks more like a political maneuver than just desserts for a right-wing terrorist.

## Hutto as a political prisoner

Hutto was arrested for conspiring to bomb Pacifica radio stations in California. Neither he nor either of the other men has been charged with any local bombing. The effect of this is two-fold.

First, it serves to somewhat abate the criticism that the local police have adopted a "do-nothing" response to the wave of bombings. Prior to the arrests, this criticism was beginning to reach appreciable proportions both locally and nationally. The Houston Post editorial of Jan. 18, for example, must have been preceded by a good deal of behind-the-scenes dialogue: one does not expect a paper so moderate and so tied to the power structure of this city as the Post to extend editorial criticism of the police frivolously.

Also, the success of Pacifica itself in mustering local support and, perhaps more significantly, in arousing national attention to the situation (Pacifica's return to the air on Jan. 20 was dramatically broadcast by scores of NET-affiliated television stations; and their excellent documentary on local repression, "Space City Blues," has now been aired over 156 radio stations in the US and Canada.) was doubtless beginning to trouble the image-minded consciences of local business and political leaders.

The second major effect of the arrests is that they will probably do nothing to aid Pacifica's present dilemma. Pacifica has been unable to secure insurance pending the arrest of the person(s) responsible for the bombings, and the charge against Hutto for conspiring to bomb the California stations is unlikely to satisfy that requirement.

Thus, the arrests effectively diminish the heat on local officials, while doing nothing to lend aid or comfort to (as Arlo Guthrie termed it) the "bombee" — a neat trick and one no doubt immensely pleasing to Houston's powers-that-be, who have made no secret of their distaste for the Pacifica brand of radio.

The specific charge filed against Hutto and the particular timing of the arrests (just days before Pacifica's heavily publicized return to the air) lend some doubt as to the "good faith" of the government's action. If those facts tend to encourage a somewhat cynical appreciation of the affair, however, the government's subsequent handling of the case is even more suspect.

Prior even to the preliminary hearing, the government moved — in response to the defense motion to have Hutto's \$100,000 bond lowered (Rector and Styron were released on \$25,000

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## Support James Aaron

The trial of People's Party II Chairman James Aaron, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was postponed until March 20.

The charge stems from an incident last July 17 in front of the PPII headquarters at 2828 Dowling, in which the harassment of a Black Panther newspaper vendor escalated into an armed stand-off between some Party members and police.

Aaron, who was unarmed in the incident, was apparently spotted by police that night because a few days later he was busted on a robbery charge. He stayed in jail for three days, during which time the police evidently decided the robbery charge would never stick. So just before Aaron was released, he was charged with assault with a deadly weapon, an accusation equally ridiculous, but one for which he will be tried nonetheless.

When asked what he expected to happen at the trial, Aaron said, "I don't expect to receive any justice simply because ain't no black man ever received any justice in this country, and ain't no black man ever going to receive any justice until the masses of people rise up to see justice done."

Aaron's attorney is Raymond Jordan, an associate of People's Party II lawyer Bobby Caldwell who is in the hospital. Anyone interested in help in with Aaron's defense should contact People's Party through the Carl Hampton Free Clinic at 226-9030.

by the Midnight Skulker

It is high time people stopped thinking of hospitals as charitable institutions. The doctors, administrators, drug companies, medical equipment suppliers, etc., do not work for charity but for cold cash. And there is no charity in the way in which hospitals deal with their employees. Read on.

On Thursday, January 14, the housekeeping (i.e., janitorial) staff of M.D. Anderson Hospital was called together for a special announcement. At this meeting hospital administrators notified the staff that their jobs would be terminated on January 31. Over 200 people were fired, on two weeks notice, and left to find jobs on their own time.

The administrators claim that they will save money by hiring an independent agency to take over housekeeping responsibilities. It is difficult to see exactly how they will save money, unless the contracting agency pays even lower wages than Anderson Hospital does now.

More likely, the administrators are ditching the 200 employees in order to eliminate a big administrative (and possibly financial) headache. The housekeeping staff has begun showing its dissatisfaction with the working conditions at the hospital; last spring, housekeeping employees petitioned for a redress of grievances. The administrators pressured those people who had signed the petition to remove their names, and accused a graduate student, Gary Petz, of

## M.D. ANDERSON HOSPITAL: 200 WORKERS GET SHAFT

fomenting this rather moderate rebellion. Petz was kicked out of school, and the housekeeping people were knocked back into line.

Things have been quiet at Anderson Hospital ever since, but the hospital administrators know that the workers are no more satisfied with working conditions than they were nine months ago. They (the administrators) know that unless wages and working conditions are materially improved, they might have more trouble with workers, might even be forced to recognize a union. Rather than improve working conditions, they got rid of the workers.

The workers have no legal recourse. In this free country of ours, employers are free to fire non-union workers at any time for any reason. The unemployed are free to starve.

All of the housekeeping workers are black (with the exception of the "supervisors", all of whom are white women.) Most of the employees are women, many with children to support. They are the lowest of the low in the "job market." Sixty of them will probably be hired by the contracting agency (as long as they are docile). The rest must find other menial jobs or, failing that, live on welfare at 75% of minimal need.

Anderson Hospital has cast off over 200 people, as callously as you might cast off an old shoe which is beginning to pinch.

All Power to the People.  
Death to the Hospital Administrators.



The result: the gays of Houston took a first step in determining the destiny of their own community.

That first step was taken solely on the strength of the people, and in spite of the Riesner Reich. The demonstrators, after witnessing the serving of a black brother, were dispersing when the spotlight of the overhead whirley-pig threatened a replay of Thursday night's police riot at the Astroworld Hotel. The squad cars arrived momentarily and the pigs were really freaked (as usual) at the thought of people coming together. The GLF had made public through numerous press releases its intention to hold a "peaceful demonstration". In spite of this, the pickets were confronted with dogs and riot control rifles. But the demonstrators refused to freak out, kept their collective cool, and no one was arrested.

WE WILL BE FREE!

— Houston Gay Liberation Front

## Do Not Mutilate Switchboard!

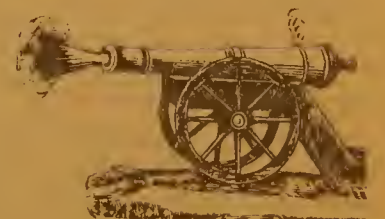
Switchboard was hassled and threatened on the morning of Saturday, Jan. 16. There is a sign up in front of their building that reads: "Parking for Houston Switchboard, Inc. All Others Will Be Mutilated." It just so happens that about midnight Friday there was a car mutilated just down the street from Switchboard. The owner came back the next morning with one of Houston's finest, an Officer Whorley.

The pair knocked on the Switchboard door and Murray, one of Switchboard's finest, decided to meet the challenge. They went out to the mutilated car and inspected the damage (which evidently, had been inflicted with a big stick). There were about five dents in the left rear. So after careful investigation of the circumstances Officer Whorley methodically concluded Switchboard was the guilty party, despite pleas of innocent by Switchboard personnel. The owner of the car threatened to sue.

What Officer Whorley failed to consider was that the car was not parked in the area the sign applied to, that the owner did not report the damage until ten hours later, that any one of the members of an exclusive club across the street who come out so drunk they can hardly stand could have gone on a mad binge, etc., etc., etc. What Officer Whorley did do was threaten Switchboard with its very existence if it didn't stop "insulting" the club people and promise constant police pressure to keep Switchboard in line. The next morning there were pig cars parked directly across the street for one hour.

Switchboard was told that it was against the law to post any type of no parking sign, even on private property. One of Switchboard's lawyers told them that the pig was "full of shit."

Switchboard people are confident they can win the case if it is taken to court. At this writing no further word has been heard from either side.



## pigs uptight...

## HOUSTON GAY POWER INTEGRATES RED ROOM

The Houston pig department was prepared to riot for the second time in a week Saturday evening, January 23rd. But by the time the oinkers (in five squad cars with dogs and rifles and accompanied by the whirley pig) had arrived, the power of the people had already prevailed.

The Houston Gay Liberation Front and friends, had been picketing the Red Room for less than half an hour when the management conceded. Certainly the three week old boycott

of the popular gay bar (which until Saturday evening had refused to serve blacks) was a determining factor in the management's reversal of its racist policies. But probably the most important factor was the picket line.

For the first time in Houston, the gays had taken to the streets in their own community despite the fact that various threats had been made against individual members and against GLF as a group.





## WOMEN MOVING IN TEXAS :

### NOW demands fair trial for Angela

Aileen Hernandez, president of the National Organization for Women (NOW) called the struggle for women's liberation "the most profound social revolution in history . . . in herstory."

Executive leaders and chapter presidents from NOW gathered in Houston the weekend of Jan. 16 for a quarterly board meeting.

The national leaders of this 10,000-member organization commented in a news conference on some of the issues discussed during the three-day meeting.

The group, consisting of about 40 people, voted on a resolution demanding that Angela Davis, revolutionary black sister charged with murder in connection with the courthouse shoot-out in San Rafael last year, be given a fair trial.

The group also stated that out of 46 major cities, Houston ranks No. 1 in sex discrimination in employment, according to information gathered by Houston NOW during Equal Employment Opportunity Commission hearings held here last year.

Houston employers "are least aware of the problems of women, are least able to see women as people and to give them the opportunity to develop their full potential," Mrs. Hernandez said.

## abortion rally in Austin

The Texas Abortion Coalition (TAC) is sponsoring public hearings and a demonstration in Austin for more human abortion laws on January 30. The hearings will be held Saturday morning in the Main Ballroom of the Student Union at the University of Texas. Dr. Jane Hodgson, a Minnesota gynecologist being prosecuted for performing an illegal abortion will speak. There will also be personal testimonies from women who have had abortions. In the afternoon there will be a march to the Capitol building and a rally. TAC is inviting the members of the State legislature to participate in the activities.

TAC is organizing to get a more liberal abortion law into the state penal code. The old abortion law made abortions illegal except in cases where pregnancy would result in the death of the woman. This law was declared unconstitutional last year and another law has not yet been passed to replace it.

TAC's position is: "Abortion is a personal decision. We believe that every woman has the right to control her own body and decide when to terminate pregnancy. Present Texas abortion laws deny a woman this right.

"We want the Texas legislature to pass a humane abortion law. The law must make legal, low cost abortions available to all women. This law must protect every woman from an unwanted pregnancy or a forced abortion. Her consent, and only her consent, must be required."

People who are interested in going to the demonstration and need transportation should call TAC at 665-8294 or 923-1731. Child care and housing will be provided in Austin.

## CHARGES AGAINST MAYO 9 DROPPED

Felony indictments against nine members of the militant Mexican-American Youth Organization were dropped on Monday, January 25, when attorney Mel Friedman successfully filed a double-jeopardy motion with Judge Joseph Guarino. The nine had already been convicted of misdemeanor charges connected with the September 14th disruption at a meeting of the Houston school board. They had then been indicted for felonious malicious mischief by the grand jury. At the hearing Monday, they agreed to pay \$350.00 for damages that occurred during the disturbance.

The fact that they agreed to pay damages in no way reflects a weakening of their position. In a statement released to the press after the decision on the 25th, MAYO stated, "We intend to continue, and in fact intensify, our efforts in implementing our plan of complete community control of our barrio schools, and in achieving a higher quality and relevance in education. We believe that the continues to be unresponsive to the needs of Chicano children"



## FREE CLINIC WORKERS HARRASSED AGAIN

The harassment by the Houston pigs of the Carl Hampton Free Clinic continues. This time it took the form of arrest of Kim Shinkoskey, a member of the Medical Committee for Human Rights (MCHR), one of the organizations involved in setting up the clinic.

After a meeting on Wed., January 13th, Kim was leaving the clinic, located at 2828 Dowling. With him were two others, an architect helping with the project and a hospital worker. Two pigs came up and started hassling the architect over some traffic bullshit, the same tactic they have employed many times in the past.

The people at the clinic have been forced to spend sorely needed time and money dealing with all this pig shit and are thinking of going to court to get an injunction prohibiting the pigs from vamping on the workers. So when they started giving this guy some shit, Kim proceeded to write down their names. When one pig saw his name and badge number being re-

corded, he told Kim, "If you're so interested in me, then I'm interested in you. You're going to jail." They grabbed him and hauled him in and threw him in the slam. The charge? *Loitering*. These oinkers swore that they had asked Kim to move on, and he refused. Having been busted on loitering charges myself, I can assure you that this is

just so much bullshit.

The prize-winning porkers who performed this remarkable bust were W.J. Brunner, badge no.2220, and J.E. Lewis, badge no.1648. Watch out for these pigs.

Incidentally, a bunch of MCHR people went down and bailed Kim out and he said he's going to court to try and fight this. Even if he wins, it's a hollow victory at best. The pigs don't care, they've already had the satisfaction of throwing him in jail. That's the harassment. Tune in next issue for some more Carl Hampton Clinic harassment news (knowing the Houston pigs, there's bound to be some).

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# Dick's Trick: POW Promo



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As the Vietnam War has become increasingly unpopular in the US, Nixon has sought to gain support for continuing the war by manipulating one last issue, the POWs (Prisoners of War). Over the past year, Nixon and other pro-war figures have launched a multi-billion dollar public relations campaign to convince Americans that US pilots captured in Vietnam are being treated barbarically.

"Public service" commercials, portraying the lonely men and playing on the emotions of POW families, have saturated the media. One spot featured a child asking plaintively, "Mommy, will Daddy be home for Christmas?" Bumper stickers reading "Have a Heart, Hanoi" are widely distributed. Bell Telephone, in a 4 state area of the mid-west, sent out with its regular bill in December a postcard to be sent to Hanoi, demanding information about the POWs. H. Ross Perot, a millionaire supporter of Nixon, has organized trips of POW wives and families over the world, deliberately raising their expectations and frustrations without any means to help them, only to gain publicity for the issue.

In Houston, POW bumperstickers become standard equipment for all city vehicles. The mayor volunteers to head a local delegation to Paris to present petitions to NLF representatives. And a local disc jockey sits atop the Astro-Needle, drinking tea and eating rice, while high school students collect signatures from "peace-minded" freaks in Hermann Park.

And they're all helping to extend the war. Nixon has no intention of becoming the first U.S. president to lose a war. But in order to escalate the war, he must arouse more emotional support for his policies and more hate towards the Vietnamese. By focusing public attention on the N. Vietnamese, he hopes to quiet criticism of his actions and failures. Because people in the U.S. know little about the POWs, he has found that he can use this as a political tool for manipulating our emotions about the war.

How Nixon is using this issue became clear during the recent "raid" on a POW camp in N. Vietnam. The raid was justified by Laird as a response to the DRV's release of names of POWs who were dead. According to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, however, the raid was planned in advance and the names used as an excuse for it. Further, while the raid was supposedly to free prisoners, the NY Times has revealed that the government knew beforehand that the camp had been empty for three months. Clearly, this action was done, not out of concern for the men, but as a political maneuver.

What are the facts and deceptions upon which the POW campaign is built? First, the numbers game. For several years up to June, 1970, it was generally agreed by the Pentagon and others that there were 1551 men lost in action in all of Southeast Asia. In October, Laird said 2000; in November it was 3000, and on December 5, 1970, he said 5000!

The U.S. holds the DRV responsible for all 1551 (or is it 6000 now?) men lost in Southeast Asia, and the publicity on the issue implies that there has been no communication regarding these men. Over the past year, the N. Vietnamese have released names of 339 men alive in their camps and 22 known to be dead. Even the Pentagon only claims that 780 pilots are missing over N. Vietnam. It is reasonable to assume that most of the 400 not accounted for died when their planes were shot down. The remaining 720 men went down in Laos, Cambodia, or S. Vietnam. Yet, the U.S. continues to act as if the DRV were responsible or these rather than dealing with the autonomous liberation forces of these areas. By so doing, the U.S. denies families the information that might be available on these men.

The POW publicity implies that the DRV prevents communication on this issue. In fact, the DRV initiated setting up the Committee of Liaison with Families of Servicemen Detained in N. Vietnam, which has its office in NY City

as a regular channel for information about and communication with prisoners. There have been 2500 letters received from POWs through the Committee. The men can send and receive one letter a month and receive a six pound package every other month. Further, about 40 of the POWs have been visited and interviewed by Western press in N. Vietnam.

Perhaps the most insidious claim made by the U.S. is that the DRV's treatment of prisoners is "barbaric," building up racist images of Orientals as sub-humans. Most of the discussion of torture has been based on the testimony of one POW, Robert F. Frishman, returned by the DRV in August, 1969. Nine POWs have been released by the DRV, and, excepting Frishman, they have been ordered by the Pentagon to remain silent, presumably because they would not make such claims of torture. Jon M. Van Dyke, a former state department employee, interviewed Joe V. Carpenter, one of the prisoners released in 1968. Van Dyke wrote, "Carpenter said he had not been tortured. 'In general,' he said, 'my treatment was good.' When asked why the Defense Department would not allow him to speak freely even after the press conference, Carpenter responded, 'It's all part of a plan.'" All of the Western journalists who have interviewed POWs report basically the same good conditions.

Van Dyke observes that none of the first POWs released complained of mistreatment. He says that the "torture" Frishman described consisted of exposure to mosquitos, damp cold winters and hot summers — conditions that the Vietnamese endure themselves — and occasionally being put in solitary. Frishman recently spoke of poor medical treatment for POWs, yet he had an elaborate and expensive elbow operation in N. Vietnam.

The U.S. also distorts the situation by saying that Hanoi refuses to negotiate on this matter. First, this ignores the fact that nine men were released through the American peace movement, and the possibility was open for more such releases, but the U.S. government did not respond to this initiative. Further, an exchange of prisoners has consistently been a point in the Vietnamese peace proposals; but this point cannot be separated from the need to arrive at a plan for the withdrawal of U.S. troops. Traditionally, prisoners are only exchanged after the terms for ending a war are settled. If some of the POWs have been there a "long time," it is because the U.S. has been waging war on Vietnam for a long time.

Through the POW issue, the U.S. is diverting attention away from the real atrocities committed by the U.S. and the Thieu-Ky regime. For example, on Dec. 3, the Chicago Sun Times and other papers reported that Saigon "riot police beat and tear-gassed more than 100 women prisoners and threw lye or acid on the group." Earlier this year, Agnew refused to see or receive a message from S. Vietnamese (not NLF) mothers inquiring about the unknown fate of their 80 children in Con Son prison.

Clearly, the Nixon government's interest in the POWs is political, not humanitarian. If it were humanitarian, why does it manipulate grieving families, increasing their anguish with unfounded stories of torture and death and wild goose chases around the globe which it knows will only build their frustrations? If it were humanitarian, why does it respond to the DRV's efforts to notify families of those who have died with retaliatory raids that endanger the possibility of families receiving more information? If it were humanitarian, why is it not concerned with the fate of thousands of prisoners and innocent victims in the South? If it were humanitarian, why does it not end the war?

Before we can even hope to release the POWs and bring an end to the U.S. rape of Vietnam, we must see and expose this distorted hate campaign for what it is — a strategy for prolonging the war.

—Off Our Backs



For  
Anti-War  
GI's

# The Winter of our Discontent



"Train 'em to kill, not  
massacre....got it?"

More than 2,000 veterans of the war in Vietnam are sponsoring an investigation into war crimes "committed as the inexorable result of national policy" — the Winter Soldier Investigation (WSI).

More than 100 Vietnam veterans will testify at the hearings, to be held in Detroit on Jan. 31, Feb. 1 and 2. Across the Detroit River, in Windsor, Canada, a number of Vietnamese victims, from both the South and the North, will offer supplementary testimony. Former American enlisted men and officers representing all branches of the service and virtually all of the combat units that have fought in Vietnam will testify to massacres, torture of prisoners, murder of prisoners, and the employment of chemical and biological warfare and other weapons specifically outlawed by international treaty.

In some cases, men will testify in panels comprised of the same units they fought in while in Vietnam. This will show clearly that war crimes are a result of policy, not "aberrant individuals," and that the responsibility cannot be diverted from the U.S. higher commands to the men in the field.

The three-day Investigation will signal the start of a major offensive by veterans until the war ends. Transcripts of the statements of each of the witnesses will be made available to the public and to the media. Films and phonograph records will be made for distribution. Veterans will be encouraged to arrange similar hearings at major cities throughout the country. Veterans will tour college campuses, fraternal organizations, and women's organizations.

The Investigation is to be held in Detroit for a number of reasons. Most obvious is the city's proximity to Canada. More than that, Detroit is part of middle America and the home of the working class. The sponsors, organizers, and witnesses of the WSI are college students and members of various professions, but they are primarily the sons of the construction workers, the ex-GI's. They have come home to speak to their parents.

"After our service in Vietnam we face our greatest responsibility now in telling the American people of the war crimes that are being committed every day in their name and as the result of national policy.

"No one knows better than we do how those policies established in Washington, D.C., sanitized with bloodless euphemisms by public relations phrasemakers, presented to America as 'free fire zones' and 'strategic hamlets' are in their cumulative effect in the field little more than genocide.

"We have carried out the policy of this nation during our time in Vietnam. We have come home to acquaint America with its policy. My Lai was not an 'isolated incident' and those responsible for it are not a few aberrant individuals. Those responsible do not live in the hootches of the Mekong Delta; they reside in Washington, D.C. where the policies that comprise attempted genocide are originated."

## Conference in Ann Arbor

# PEOPLE'S PEACE TREATY

On September 17, 1970, Madame Nguyen Thi Binh of the Provisional Revolutionary Government put forward in Paris a comprehensive eight point proposal for peace in Vietnam. As this peace initiative was being reduced to a wine and bottle joke by U.S. negotiator David Bruce, it was celebrated by other nations as a face saving device for Nixon and a document whose content probably had majority support in the United States.

Following Madame Binh's proposal, on September 27, the editor of Saigon's largest daily newspaper and a prominent member of the South Vietnamese National Assembly, Ngo Cong Duc, announced in Paris the demand for total, immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops, an end to U.S. support of the Thieu-Ky-Khiem regime and the creation of a provisional coalition government which could organize free elections in South Vietnam. The significance of the Duc statement was that these treasonous words were immediately endorsed by powerful

personalities and organizations inside South Vietnam's cities that President Thieu has until now needed to survive.

The Duc statement has been followed by the creation of a popular front, MSVN, representing over 1000 national and regional organizations not affiliated with the N.L.F. who are now in open political struggle against the Thieu-Ky-Khiem government.

A delegation of 16 students, acting on a mandate from its 23rd National Congress, organized by the U.S. National Students Association recently traveled to Vietnam to investigate the feasibility of framing a treaty of peace between American and Vietnamese students. Because of the peace initiative of the P.R.G. and the new mass anti-war movement inside South Vietnam cities, the Vietnamese said that a separate peace treaty was necessary not only with American students but with all people in this country. They strongly welcomed this initiative, coming at this dynamic moment in

their own history, when American and Vietnamese coordination has the potential of ending the war.

Despite efforts by the Thieu-Ky-Khiem government to stop the students delegation from making contacts in South Vietnam, one delegate member was able to slip through Saigon's security net and engage representatives of non-NLF student organizations in the drafting of the treaty. At the same time, student leaders from the DRV and NLF developed a treaty draft with the US student delegation in Hanoi. The two documents were formally joined into one statement in Paris. The final document represents the hopes and demands of every respected Vietnamese leader in North and South Vietnam.

A draft of this people's peace treaty will be presented to a "Student and Youth Conference on a People's Peace" to be held at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Feb. 5-7. The conference is being sponsored by the

U.S. National Students Association, the Midwest Peace Treaty Coordinating Committee and the Students of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

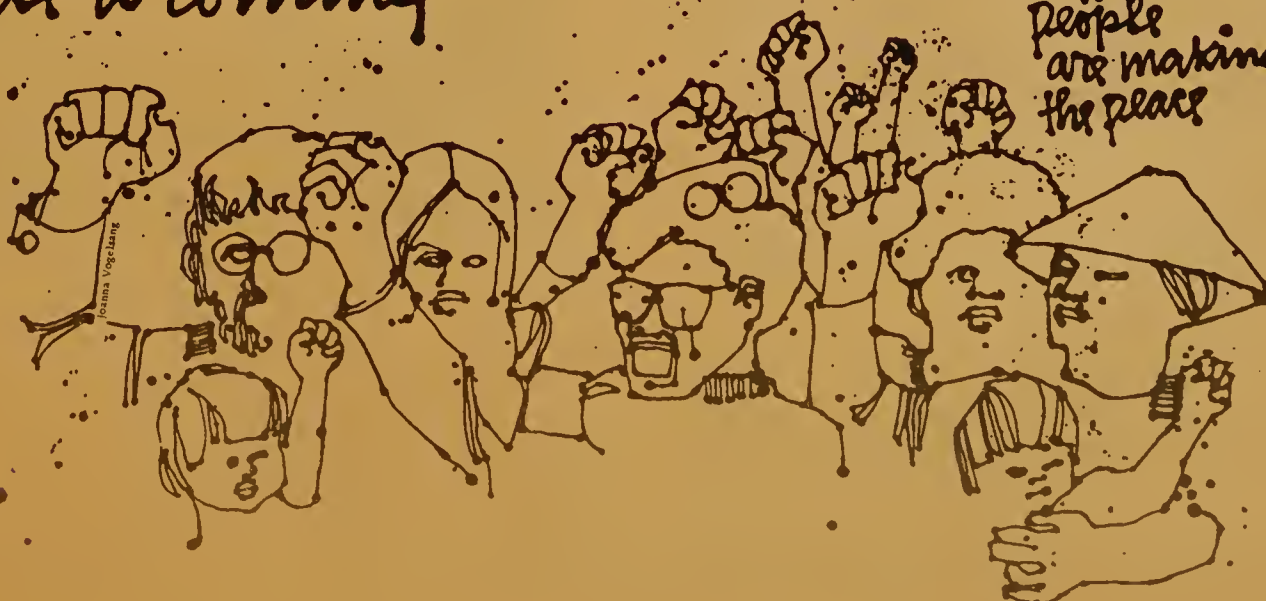
The conference will consider in what ways this peace treaty draft from Vietnam might be used as a basis for unifying the various segments of the youth community and anti-war movement and informing America of the new plan concrete programs for implementing the treaty and dramatically increasing US anti-war activity as the fury of the Vietnamese struggle is unleashed against the shaky Thieu-Ky-Khiem administration this spring. Pleas for our support are being made by the new opposition forces emerging inside South Vietnam. Many close friends of Vietnam are saying that the next several months can be decisive inside Vietnam. What we do in the United States can be crucial to the outcome of these events. Join thousands of organizers in Ann Arbor in formulating and launching a powerful anti-war offensive this winter and spring.

For more information contact:

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# Tulsa White Panthers Busted



On December 22, 1970 the Tulsa Police Department began a harrassment campaign against the Tulsa Chapter of the White Panther Party (WPP), a revolutionary youth group.

They began by arresting one brother for failure to signal when turning into his driveway. When his car was searched the pigs found a switchblade, so they also charged him with possession of an illegal weapon.

During this time seven plainclothes pigs arrived at the WPP commune under the pretext of looking for a James Cade for suspicion of robbery. They had never heard of James Cade. One of the officers then requested to be allowed to search the house. He didn't have a search warrant but they gave one pig permission to enter. All seven of the pigs barged in.

When nothing was found, the pigs arrested two residents of the house for this alleged robbery.

Shortly thereafter two more party members were busted at a nearby store one for failure to signal, the other for "accessory to the fact".

All those who were hauled in to the pig station were interrogated about their political beliefs, the White Panther Party, their lives, and an alleged bombing plot. They were all

released for lack of evidence.

Three of those arrested returned to the police station several days later to claim their property which the pigs had failed to return to them.

While two of the members were waiting in the lobby, a pig informed them that their friend was being book-

ed for possession of marijuana. He was later released for lack of evidence.

Incidents such as these have occurred throughout this decadent country, and the pigs have escaped in most cases, thanks to their bedfellows in judicial robes.

— susie

## Smoke!

Since Jan. 1 tobacco companies have been prohibited from advertising cigarettes on radio and television. In 1969 they spent \$219.5 million that way — over \$1 for each American.

So what would you do if you were a cancer stick exec with, say, \$20 or \$30 million extra lying around? Give

it away to promote research on lung diseases? Set up a bail fund for political prisoners? Bribe Spiro to truck three times around the Pentagon nude? Maybe you would . . . but they aren't.

Already you're seeing lots more cigarette ads in newspapers and magazines (and probably liking it less). The R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. is sponsoring the Winston Salem Bowling Classic to the tune of \$80,000, to be

televised on Feb. 20. You can be sure that there will be a lot of billboard type hackdrops and a lot of puffing in between the strikes and spares.

And the American Tobacco Co. is supposedly planning to rename its pipe tobaccos Pall Mall, Silva Thins and Tareyton. The new packaging will look like the old cigarette boxes. The law on cigarette advertising doesn't apply to pipe tobacco. *Winston tastes good like a pipe tobacco should?*

## Women's Center Ripped Off

NEW YORK, N.Y. (LNS) — On Jan. 1 a group of radical women occupied an abandoned, decaying city building here, and proceeded with plans to convert it into a feminist center. During the next two weeks, the women cleaned and repaired the building, set

up a child-care center, clothing and food exchange, health care and education, and a Lesbian Rights Center. They were negotiating with city Deputy Commissioner Jeffrey Stokes to keep the building. (See last issue of Space City!)

Then on the night of Jan. 12, the Tactical Police Force surrounded the building. No one was allowed to enter, and the three women who refused to leave were arrested for criminal trespass.

The following morning approximately 20 women managed to enter the building and refused to leave. The police entered and attacked, beating severely a number of women who were trapped at the back of the building.

As the "Women of the Fifth Street Building," the group issued a state-

ment charging city officials with false arrest, bad faith in negotiating, criminal negligence, and attempted murder against the women and children of the community:

"It is the city of New York who is the criminal, the city government is not providing for the needs of the people, and when the people try to provide for themselves, they are arrested and sometimes brutally beaten. This is not an isolated instance. We express our solidarity with all people who are squatting in different parts of the city in an attempt to provide basic human necessities for themselves and their families."

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# Shelter Security

Repression is accelerating. Chances of a raid on your house are increasing. The No-Knock law was just passed by Congress. It is time now for all of us to begin planning how to deal with busts and emergency situations. Whether you live in a house with a few other people, or a lot of folks, you should start talking about your own protection and how you can prevent a bust. If you know people who live in other houses and communes, you should talk with them about building up a network so you can deal with emergencies collectively. It's also important to make links with people in your community and to know your community as well as you know your house. We, the people, have to rely on and trust each other because we're all we've got.

## dope

1. Everyone should know what dope is kept in the house, and where it is.
2. Dope should be kept in a central place so that it can be flushed down the toilet quickly.
3. No extra seeds, roaches, etc. should be lying around the house.
4. Large amounts of dope should not be kept in the house, because it will jeopardize everyone who lives there. If someone is dealing, she should take care of business outside of the house, and keep the dope somewhere else.
5. Your house should discuss what you would do in case of a raid. Everyone should go through a dry run of the plan of action.
6. The pigs are experts in finding dope stashes. Don't assume that your stash which you think is well hidden will not be found by the pigs.
7. Pills without prescriptions are illegal. They should not be kept in the house.
8. **DON'T BUY FROM OR SELL DOPE TO PEOPLE YOU DON'T KNOW WELL.** Also be careful not to invite dealers to your house. You never know when someone might decide to turn you in to get themselves off the hook.

## weapons

1. Talk about what weapons are in the house, whether they are legal, etc.
2. Everyone should learn how to use each weapon that is kept in the house.
3. Decide where each weapon should be kept. Everyone should know where they are.
4. Talk about self-defense and what that means, including the consequences. Everyone should be clear as to whether or not weapons should be used in any given situation. The ENTIRE house should agree on the same procedure.
5. It is best not to keep illegal weapons and ammo in your house or on your property.
6. Don't carelessly leave ammo or empty shells around.
7. If you have sold or bought a gun, keep the receipt. This will protect you if you have to prove that the gun is legally yours. Keep another copy in a safe place.
8. Know guns and gun laws — federal, state and local.

## remember

1. All decisions should be made with the full participation and knowledge of everyone in the house.
2. If for any reason a pig tries to stop you on the street, before you go into your house, you should stop and deal with the pig right there. Do not go into the house or to your car, or you will jeopardize your entire house, or give the pigs reason to search your house or car. If the pig decides to bust you, he can search whatever area you are in.
3. Property around the house such as yards, basements, garages, etc., are still considered parts of the house, even if they are unattached.
4. Bankbooks and extra cash or emergency money should not be kept in a place where they could be ripped off by the pigs. They should be kept very well secreted or in another house.

## your neighbors

1. Get to know your neighbors — you might need each other in an emergency situation comes down. This is also a protection so that neighbors do not get uptight if a lot of people come into your house. It is good also for them to know that freaks are not what the media projects them to be.
2. Find ways that you and your neighbors can help each other on a day-to-day basis. You may have similar needs.
3. Get phone numbers of your neighbors in case you need to call.
4. After you know your neighbors well, begin talking to them about setting up an emergency operation so that you can call on each other, rather than the pigs.
5. Learn about your neighborhood, and learn what is going on. Know where the nearest store is, the nearest fire station, the nearest pay phone, etc.
6. Know your mail-deliverer. If she is a friend, she will tell you whether the FBI has come around to see who lives in your house.

## community of friends

1. Talk with your friends about basic security. Discuss what should and should not be said over the phone, in the house, etc.
2. Set up a phone tree which could be used in an emergency.
3. Always remember that the pig could be on the phone. Don't remember that only when it is convenient. Have a signal that lets people know that they are saying something that should not be discussed over the phone.
4. If you don't know the facts or the exact nature of a bust, do not spread rumors, or tell people things that you are just assuming. Don't start gossip which could lead to panic.
5. If someone's house is being burgled or they are in danger, plan how you would move. It is important to know how quickly you could get to a friend's house.

OR:

how to survive a little bit longer than you will if you keep on doing what you're doing right now...

6. Talk about how you could get one of your friends out of jail if she was busted. This includes bail contacts, how you bail someone out, where to reach bail bondsmen, lawyers, doctors, etc. It is important to know how to get to a hospital quick, and to know the hours of the hospital nearest you, as well as whether they handle emergencies. In Houston, Switchboard can help you get lawyers, bail bondsmen, doctors, and other help. Their number is 526-3666.
7. Everyone should be prepared in first aid, and each house should have a first aid kit.



## children

1. There should be a decision made as to what information it is important for children in the house to know, and what information it is too much of a risk to let them know.
2. Children should know what they should and should not say to a policeman or to any stranger.
3. Children should know who they can call in case of an emergency.
4. As soon as they are old enough, children should know how to get to a friend's house by bus. They should know where there is some cash that they could get to, used only for emergencies. They should be familiar with taking a cab, should an emergency require it.
5. Children should know how to use the phone, emergency numbers, etc.
6. Everyone in the house, as well as friends in other houses, should know how to take care of the children, particularly specific needs of each child, such as medicine, etc.
7. If the parents are busted, the State might try to take the children. People should make plans as to who would take care of their children in such a situation. There should be several people in different houses who make this commitment in case an alternative is needed.

## one last word

1. **DON'T TALK** to the police. You are only required to give your name and address for identification. **NEVER CONFESS** to anything. You may be asked to account for your presence, but any further questions should be answered with, "I have nothing to say until I talk to my lawyer."
2. **DON'T TALK** to the FBI or other inspectors. You are not required to. You do not even have to identify yourself. If they ask your name, your address, anything, you should reply "I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY." Practice this. The FBI is slick. You do not ever have to let the FBI or other inspectors in your house. Don't be intimidated when the FBI talks to you, when they seem to know a lot of information. Don't go on an ego trip and think you can outsmart them by trying to find out how much they know.
3. **NEVER PANIC.** You can't deal with a situation realistically if you are freaked out or uptight. Develop trust in each other and learn to accept leadership and criticism.

— excerpted from *Security Check*

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# FREE HIGH SCHOOL

Houston's Daeflower Free School is a new type of school, part of a growing trend away from coercion in education. Created for people of junior and senior high school age, it is based on the assumption that a person learns best when the fear is taken out of school. Both students and teachers will be able to be themselves, for in a noncoercive atmosphere there is no necessity for role-playing. Students will be able to direct their lives into what is important in their estimation and will be allowed to grow at their own rates with no artificial constraints.

There is many ideas about specific activities in which the school will be involved, but of course what happens ultimately depends on the students who attend. Since the classroom is not the best, or even a very effective place in which to learn, probably very little activity will take place in such an environment. Instead, our classroom — or school — will serve as a coordination point for numerous activities.

One plan is for a broad-based apprenticeship program covering some fifty different areas from cooking to law to ecology. A student chooses an area in which she is interested and then spends days under the tutelage of a person in this area.

It is expected that students will wish to take part in the numerous events happening in Houston. All of the universities here have lectures, film series, concerts, art exhibits, discussions, etc. which are open to the public. There will be a complete schedule of these at Daeflower as well as actions of the various organizations throughout the city.

Some may desire somewhat structured classes, and whenever that is the case, they will be set up. A class at Daeflower will be significantly different from any regular school class, however. Students will decide how the class is to be run and what is to be studied, and they will be under no obligation to attend if they lose interest.

Many more things may be listed, such as University of Thought classes, and field trips throughout the city. We also hope to initiate a student and teacher exchange program with other schools throughout the country. Activities are limited only by the imagination!

Student/  
Teacher/  
Student

Daeflower will open with a maximum of 24 students and two full time teachers. There will be numerous volunteer teachers involved. It is hoped that many races, ethnic groups and economic levels will be represented in the school. The only admission requirement for students is a desire to learn in a non-coercive atmosphere.

The two full-time teachers — or coordinators — are Art Brady and Jan Werness. Art taught high school sciences for two years in a public school and Jan has secondary teacher

certification in history.

Students and teachers will each have one vote in creating the rules of the school which will teach, by example, the procedures of democracy. It is hoped that parents will choose to participate fully in the school as well.

Daeflower Free School will not be accredited as to do so would require forcing students to study certain subjects. (Even if we desired it, Texas law requires a school to be in existence for three years before it may be considered for accreditation.) This should present little problem, however, as over half the parochial schools and more than 150 public schools in Texas are also unaccredited. Some colleges, such as Antioch in Ohio, New in Florida, and Prescott in Arizona, welcome students from non-coercive

schools. It appears that state universities will accept students from non-accredited schools after additional testing, as will many private colleges. Also, when they are old enough students may take the G.E.D. (high school equivalency) exam.

Daeflower is a legal school. Attendance records will be kept as required by law. Since the school will be open more hours per week than the public schools as well as year round, a student will have much more leeway in her attendance than in a public school.

Free schools, Inc. is a non-profit corporation of which Daeflower Free School is a part. Also included in the corporation is Lille Skole, a free elementary school which has been in operation since August.

Finances are the biggest problem of the school. The operation costs have been figured at \$60 per month per student. This amount will pay for a building, utilities, teacher salaries, insurance, some transportation, and basic books and supplies. This amount will be paid as tuition if a family can afford it. If not, the money will have to be made up through donations.

Donations of money as well as equipment and supplies will greatly help our financial situation! (All donations are tax deductible.)

For more information call: Art Brady 523-5780 Jan Werness 524-6975, or write to Daeflower Free School, 4405 Greeley, Houston, Texas 77006.

## BUDGET

### TAPES & RECORDS

**all regular albums**  
\$ 2.99 - reg: 4.98

**all tapes**  
\$ 4.99 reg: 6.98

**SPECIALS  
of the  
WEEK:**

**new elton john**  
"tumbleweed connection"  
\$2.59

**new james taylor**  
and the flying machine \$2.59

**pearl**  
\$2.99

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**1218 WESTHEIMER**  
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# INSIDE THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON



A SPECIAL 8-PAGE SECTION

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## A MICROCOSM OF SOCIETY

As a public institution controlled by the same class of persons who influence our national policies and priorities, the University of Houston is but a reflection and not a leader in the fight against social injustices in this society. In fact, the record has shown that University policies have changed only when they were forced to change.

### RACISM

Nationally, we did not see any move to pass Civil Rights Laws until after massive marches, riots and property destruction. Likewise with UH. UH did not move to integrate until becoming a state institution in 1963. V.P. McElhinney said he felt the social mores of the day would not have permitted it. The administration did not move to create a Black Studies Department or recruit minority race administrators, faculty or students until the militant black student organization Afro-Americans for Black Liberation (AABL) presented a set of demands to the University. Previous "suggestions" by blacks had been ignored. Hoffman responded to the demands by naming committees. Tension stayed high while committee members talked. Then from the Cougar Den erupted a "mini-riot" in 1969 that involved property destruction in excess of \$2000 to the University Center. The threat of further property destruction gave Hoffman the incentive to act. Chester Branton, a black, was named to act as an assistant to Vice-President Yardley (Student Life) and a black Studies Department

was created.

Two years later, in 1970, AABL gave up on the University as a "hopelessly racist institution" with "racist foundations which could not be changed." In 1971 the University continues its past policies except for some tokenism; AABL's Demands have been forgotten. An alleged racist coach was never fired. The Black Student Union was never funded. Chester Branton quit saying "I see nothing I can accomplish here." Hoffman refuses to change academic entrance requirements, as has been done at Yale and Harvard, to let in a quota of minority-race students. By state law the Board of Regents has the authority to cut or eliminate fees for up to ten percent of the student body, to be judged by family financial need. This provision has never been used.

In the spring of 1970, Hoffman initiated a Save Our Students (SOS) program to assist in this area. It was initially funded by student property deposits and very small individual donations. Its purpose was to provide tutors to assist students graduating from poor high schools. As the funds dwindled the University applied for a Federal grant to extend SOS. However, the University refused to change admission requirements or provide for "remedial instruction." Consequently, the federal grant was denied and SOS is dying.

While the University Personnel Office officially maintains itself as an

"equal opportunity employer," hiring is still done on the basis of approval by the area supervisor. The result has been that blacks and Chicanos are channeled into the \$1.60 hourly grounds and maintenance jobs. The result of this policy is demonstrated in the case of a fully qualified black man who applied for a position on Traffic and Security (T&S). After being interviewed by Mr. Haner in T&S, he was told that they were looking for "an older man." Two weeks later, the Personnel Office, unaware of Haner's racist rejection, called the man at home and asked how he liked his new job. Pressure was put on Haner and Chief Sterling Baker and the man was hired. Today T&S interviews are still conducted and Mr. Haner is still employed as supervisor in the T&S Department.

Though the UH sits in the heart of the Third Ward, it refuses to recognize the needs of the surrounding community. Outsiders are not permitted use of campus facilities. One may recall that at Columbia University in 1968 the people of Harlem were "given" a back door entrance to the College gymnasium. In 1971 all UH athletic facilities are closed to non-students. Even children, lacking any parks, are not allowed to play outside the athletic fields. Presently the University owns a small partially wooded grass area on the corner of Cullen and Elgin Streets, west of the main campus. Though many neighborhood children play there, the University is currently negotiating for the eventual sale of the land to private enterprise. Another form of racism lies in the

University plans for expansion into the Third Ward. The Campus plan for the 70's prepared by Coulson Tough (V.P. Facilities and Operation) calls for the acquisition of the land on the corner of Elgin and Scott Streets. This land is presently occupied by over 80 families most of whom are black and have low incomes. Upon acquisition of the area, all housing will be destroyed so the athletic fields may be expanded. Campus planner, Bill Wright hopes "that H.U.D. will find a new place for these people to live."

### SEXISM

No administrator in the University is a female. Women faculty members' salaries, on the average, are lower than their male counterparts. The position of Vice-President for Student Life and Dean of Men are on equal footing, but the position of Dean of Women is under the V.P. for Student Life. Women Traffic & Safety are given desk jobs or positions as "Patrolwomen." As such, their job status is lower and their pay (\$5,040) is much less than the starting salary for a "Patrolman 1" (\$6,750). Furthermore, women are only allowed to work in daylight hours and are not permitted to carry arms as does every man.

In a personal interview, Senior V.P. McElhinney explained that the sexist administration and regulations of the UH dorms will continue until "the norms and mores of our society change".





# BATES

## Chmn., Bd of Regents

Colonel W.B. Bates is chairman of the Board of Regents of the University of Houston. President Hoffman has commented that "No one has ever exercised a greater sustaining influence over UH." Because of his extreme influence over the University ("No board is stronger than its chairman" — Bates) a complete study of the views of the Regent should include not just the financial man but all his aspects in order to understand the composition and policies of the University.

### Business Tycoon

Bates, a graduate from UT Law School in 1915, is a founder of one of Houston's two largest law offices (Fulbright, Crooker, Freeman, Bates & Jaworski) which occupies four floors of the Bank of the Southwest Building, consisting of 140 lawyers, all engaged in corporate law practice. Bates and his partners have been very influential in Texas politics. Although he served in the Army in WW 1, Bates rank of Colonel is an honorary title from service on the election staff of Texas Governor Dan Moody. Bates name

appeared in a 1962 endorsement for Jack Smith (Dem) for probate judge. Prior to that Bates' name appeared with Frank Horlock, Jr. (Pearl Beer) Jaworski, Bellows (construction) and Tellepson (construction) in an endorsement for Bob Casey for Congress. Prior to his election, Bates' firm contracted to handle legal affairs for L.B.J. After his election, according to Bates, Jaworski was considered for Attorney General and served on President's Commissions for the study campus unrest and prevention of national violence.

Bates is the Advisory Chairman to the Bank of the Southwest (assets of \$666 million). Affiliated banks, by stock ownership include Gulf Coast National, Western National and Houston Intercontinental National Banks. Though not having the lowest bid, they are the depository for the Houston Independent School District. They are also a depository for UH construction funds. Roy H. Cullen, C.T. Parker, and Bates' law partners Jaworski and Buck also sit on the board of the Bank of the Southwest.

Bates is a director of Missouri Pacific Railroad and he sits on the board of directors with Farfel on Bensen's Lincoln Consolidated. Bates is also a director of the Anderson Clayton Subsidiary, Gulf Atlantic Warehouse.

Besides his corporate links, Bates is a member of several conservative societies and social clubs in Houston. These include the Sons of the American Revolution, the Sons of the Republic of Texas, the Philosophical Society of Texas, the Huguenot Society, the River Oaks Country Club and the Petroleum Club.

Bates is a trustee, along with Hoffman and Bentsen, to the tax-free San Antonio-based Southwest Research Institute. SWRI picks up theoretical University-related research and applies it to "practical" uses. A majority of SWRI research both in dollar and volume amounts, is being conducted for the government. Besides being involved in fuel, weapons and biochemical research for the US Army, SWRI claims credit for a "seismic system for detecting shallow, man-made tunnels" which is now used against the Vietnamese. They have also developed a ultrasonic system of personal intrusion detection. Besides their employment in S.E. Asia, these devices are now used around strategic utility systems (anti-bombing) and along the Mexican — U.S. border to detect wet backs and marijuana smuggling. SWRI also maintains an "Applied Economics Laboratory" with a Houston branch and the Institute reports that it does work for a U.S. Government agency which does not wish to be identified (C.I.A.?)





# HOFFMAN

## University President



Bates is a director to the Texas Research League and is Vice-president and director of the Texas Medical Center. He is also a director to the Clayton Foundation for Research, (assets \$21 million), which specializes in bio-chemical research.

Bates main source of financial control lies in his position as Vice-President and trustee to the M.D. Anderson Foundation with assets of \$31.4 million as of December 31, 1969. Bates, who is the personal attorney for Anderson Clayton, "from the beginning" has been on the foundation since its creation. In fact, Freeman, Bates and Jaworski hold three of the four trusteeships for the foundation, the fourth being the chairman of the Bank of the Southwest (and U.T. Regent), A.G. McNeese. The trustees have financial control of millions of dollars in stocks without being taxed because of the foundation structure. The foundation owns stocks valued at over two million dollars each in First City National Bank, Bank of the Southwest and Anderson-Clayton. Other large Houston interests held include Tenneco, American General, South Park National Bank, Texas Foundaries, and Western National Bank. Lesser stock is held in 14 other local banks.

When the M.D. Anderson Foundation became publicly known in 1967 as a conduit for C.I.A. funds, Newsweek suggested that the lack of White House comment was the result of Jaworski's close association with LBJ. (Also involved in CIA funds was William Hobby, Jr. of the Hobby Foundation, who was a UH regent at that time.)

"We worked in promoting in underdeveloped countries a rule of law, instead of a rule of men . . . and we continued to make contributions in that area . . . We didn't help them — we just passed it through . . . We would still be happy to help them of course . . . I certainly can't see anything wrong with it. Do you?" — Bates

### The Regent

Bates and Cullen were originally members of the Houston School Board and sat on the advisory committee to the Houston Junior College. Acting on their advice, the School Board designated for Houston Junior College the board of 15 regents with Cullen as Chairman and Bates as vice chairman. Until 1963 Bates reports that the regents were "more or less selected by Mr. Cullen and me". Since Cullen's death in 1956, Bates has been the chairman of the board. Most of the UH regents selected by Connally in 1963 were on the Bates-named board. Also Hoffman's nomination for president in 1961 was a selection by the 15 members of the Bates-Cullen board.

It is easy to see Chairman Bates influence on the procedures and governance of the University. Rather than paraphrase these views, they are stated by him as follows:

On Hoffman: "I think he has done a tremendous job. We stress the fact that the legislature charges the Board with the duty of maintaining the school and keeping peace and order on campus and the Board has delegated that authority to him and we look upon him to do it. We realize . . . that the responsibility is his; not the faculty, not

Philip Guthrie Hoffman joined UH in 1957 as a history professor and Dean of Faculties. He became President of the University in 1961.

He belongs to several professional organizations; and is on the board of several local civic organizations in which the Houston upper crust mingles. He is currently a board member of the Performing Arts Society, the Houston Symphony, the Houston Chamber of Commerce, the Houston Museum of Natural Science, and the Houston Grand Opera Association. Hoffman meets the regents and their ilk thru his membership in the Rotary Club, the Petroleum Club, the Houston Club, the River Oaks Country Club, and the Astrodome Club (owns a skybox).

Hoffman was recently reappointed to the position of civilian director to the powerful seven-member Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas. He probably "earned" the seat by his association with the former banker's advisory director, A.G. McNeese, Jr. who is the second-in-Command (under UH board chairman Bates) of the Bank of the Southwest.

Hoffman holds his office at the pleasure of the UH regents (see centerspread), and he represents the regents views in the daily operations of the university. He uses advisory committees as his eyes and ears but delegates none of his power. He testified in court "All boards and committees on the UH campus act only in an advisory capacity. I am bound by none" Hoffman permits dissenting opinion only until he makes a decision. For example, Bill Yardley was named Dean of Men and later elevated to Vice-Presidential status by Hoffman. Yardley served well until Hoffman turned over all evidence from the 1969 Black "mini-riot" acquired by Security Chief Baker to the Harris County D.A. for criminal prosecution. Yardley was allowed to stay for a short time but in the summer of 1970 Hoffman accepted his "resignation". More recently the new Dean of Men, Nudd, stated after attending the recent non-speech of Governor Smith that he "saw no violations of Student Life Policies." However, when called to testify before Federal Court, Nudd agreed he had made such a statement but added that "new facts have been brought to my attention since then." No doubt they were brought by Phil Hoffman.

On the subject of student power, Hoffman believes their power lies in violent actions. In a rare interview granted by Hoffman, he said to a group of students following the murders at Kent State:

Q. The Student Senate voted Monday to call a one day strike of University operations in honor of the students killed at Kent State. We have seen colleges all across the nation close as a result. Will you honor the Student Senate vote and cease operations for tomorrow?

A. I think if you look at those colleges that are closed, it has only been where there has been violence or an extreme threat of violence. This threat does not exist at UH.

Q. Does this mean you consider the Senate meaningless and only respond to violence?

A. Well . . . Ah, I didn't quite mean to imply that . . .

He then added that he was all behind Nixon in his handling of the war. But being a true man of great compromise and with 300 students outside his office, he agreed to business as usual with a flag at half-mast for the purpose of mourning the deaths at Kent State only.

Hoffman best expressed his feelings on the position of faculty members when he reported to Nixon's Commission on Campus Unrest that their function in time of crisis should be to "assist police in the identification of agitators and to help in the process of mediation."

Hoffman makes few public speeches. However, he once expressed his view on the role of the University when he said, "The security and welfare of America and the Free World rests solely with the institutions of higher learning."

Hoffman and the Council on Foreign Relations — CIA Related Operations :

One of Hoffman's most interesting roles is his membership in the secretive, CIA-related Council on Foreign Relations, an organization which serves as a business input to CIA-State Department operations. This is done directly through inter-locking memberships and the influential magazine, *Foreign Affairs*.

The CFR's membership includes a few educators, such as Grayson Kirk (former president Columbia University), but consists mostly of Eastern businessmen, State Department, CIA and other Presidential advisors. CFR members include: Walt Whitman, Rostow, W. Katzenback, Walt Lippmann, Allen Dulles (former CIA director), J. Foster Dulles, Christian Herter, Averell Harriman, Alger Hiss, Nelson Rockefeller, Henry Cabot Lodge, Charles Yost, Arthur Burns, George Ball, and the President's chief foreign policy advisor, Henry Kissinger. Other CFR members include are US ambassadors, military advisors (including the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency), National Security Council members, and a list of appointed officials in the State Department and CIA.

Although many CIA conduit foundations have contributed to the CFR, it has yet to be exposed as a direct recipient of CIA funds. In fact, the Council relates to the CIA in a more direct and important capacity. It gives the corporate rulers a direct input into foreign policy. For example, a series of CFR talks slated at Columbia University in 1968 included the topics: "Intelligence and Policy Making: The Task Ahead," "Covert Operations," "Intelligence Operations and Private American Institutions," and "US Intelligence Organizations in the Future." The nature and extent of P.G. Hoffman's involvement in the CFR-CIA complex is not clear; CFR members are sworn to secrecy as to the proceeds of their meetings.



## elkins

Elkins, a Princeton graduate, is a member of the Regents' Finance, Investment and Executive Committees and has been on the Board since 1963 as one of Connally's original appointees. Prior to that, Elkins' father — a director of the American General Insurance Company and senior partner in Vinson, Elkins, Searls and Connally, one of Houston's two largest law firms (the other being Chairman Bates' firm) — sat on the University's governing board.

Elkins Jr. is the Chairman of the Board of First City National Bank (FCNB) with total resources of \$1.3 billion. C.B. Investment Corp. (an FCNB holding company) has the following affiliated banks through stock ownership: Gulfgate, Highland Village, First State of Clearlake, Heights State, Harrisburg State and La Porte State. All of these banks are also partially owned by UH Chairman Bates' M.D. Anderson Foundation. Plans are presently underway to change the title of C.B. Investment to First City Bancorporation of Texas, Inc. Through this transfer of stock ownership and the corresponding interlocking directorates, FCNB is also a bank depository for UH. Other directors of FCNB include John Connally, Searls and Connally — Freeman and Crooker — of Fulbright, Crooker, Freeman, Bates and Jaworski — Isaac Arnold of Quintana Petroleum, S. Marens Greer of the Moody Foundation and George Brown and Herbert Frensky of Brown & Root.

Elkins is a member of the Bankers' Advisory Commission to the U.S. Comptroller of Currency. He is also a director of Eastern Air Lines and the United Gas Corporation.



Elkins at his First City National Bank

## johnson

Johnson, a Smith appointee, sits on the Regents' Finance and Investment Committees. A native of El Paso, he graduated from Texas A&M (B.B.A.) where he was named Distinguished Military Student. He later graduated from the UH Law School.

In the area of Law 'n' order, Johnson has been a former El Paso County Attorney and County Judge. He was a member of the Texas Attorney General's Youth Conference from 1963 to 1965. He is now a director of the Texas Law Enforcement Foundation.

Judge Johnson is presently in private law practice in El Paso. He is a director of the United Savings Life Insurance Company and the United International Corporation in Dallas, Texas. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of Border Feeders, Inc.



Regents Johnson and Greer

## greer

Greer, a Preston Smith appointee to the Board, graduated from Lamar High School and attended Texas A&M in 1943. He later received a B.S. degree in chemical engineering from UH in 1954.

Greer is president of the Shelton W. Greer Company, a Houston subcontractor in the construction business which sells products to many of the firms holding contracts for UH construction.

As might be expected, Greer sits on the Regents' Building Committee.

## CONSTRUCTION

UH building assets are \$110 million, and more and more buildings are being constructed at what has become a Multiversity. A new Education Building has just been completed, while new Fine Arts and Graduate School Buildings are in the midst of construction and the Hilton Hotel School building will soon break ground.

This \$110 million is a rich kitty for the Regents who are into construction to wallow around in. James Greer and Charles Parker both do subcontracting for University construction and are both on the Regent's Building Committee (along with Leonard Rauch and Mrs. Gus Wortham) which decides which firms receive UH construction contracts. James Duke's Brown and Root does contracting at the University, and at times, B&R has received lucrative contracts on only Duke's recommendation.

Chairman Bates' Bank of the Southwest, James Elkins' First City National Bank and the Wortham's American General are all financiers of major building construction in Houston.

## wortham

Mrs. Wortham was appointed to the UH Board of Regents in 1963 by John Connally. She sits on the Regents' Executive and Building Committees.

The Wortham family holds its wealth through the American General Insurance Company (Gus Wortham, Chairman) and its holding companies. One such company, American General Realty Company, is the owner of real estate in the West Dallas Street area. In this capacity, A-G has been purchasing slum housing in this area. However, A-G intends to move the families out of this area, tear down their dwellings and "beautify" the

area with a huge office-apartment complex. A-G has made no provisions to relocate the families made homeless by this construction.

Mrs. Wortham heads up the Wortham Foundation, a family-held foundation with assets of \$1.1 million, mostly in insurance securities. Socially, she is a member of the ruling boards of the Houston Speech and Hearing Center, the American Cancer Society, the Garden Club of Houston, the Houston Symphony and the Houston Grand Opera Association. She is also president of Girlstown U.S.A. in Whiteface, Texas. Her husband Gus is a Regent at Texas Tech and a Trustee at Rice

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## BANKS & FINANCE

The University of Houston deposits its money in three Houston banks — Bates' and Parker's Bank of the Southwest, the Wortham's Texas National Bank of Commerce and Elkins' First City National Bank. The University is also a stockholder in the Texas National Bank of Commerce.

The most populated Regents' Committee is the Investment Committee. Why? Because the Investment Committee decides in which corporations the University buys stocks and bonds. Investment Committee members can thereby manipulate the market to a degree for their own benefit using public funds.

## INSURANCE

Insurance companies in prepaid premiums and control in large segments. In this respect, the insurance is much like the banking society.

One example of this in the Texas National Bank of Commerce, bought by the Wortham family. Another example is the Lincoln Liberty Life Insurance Company, Lincoln Consolidated Funds, Inc. and the Beulah, among others.

Wortham family member of the University of Houston. Gus Wortham's American General Insurance Company is a UH employee insurance company.



In addition to American General Insurance Company, a director of the following corporations:

Texas National Bank of Commerce, American General Insurance Company, American General Insurance Company, Hawaiian Life Insurance Company, Maryland Casualty Insurance Company, Channing Finance Company, Atlas Realty Co., Patriot Life Insurance Company, Northern Insurance Company, Assurance Co. of America, Knickerbocker Company, Maine Bonding and Insurance Company, National Standard Insurance Company, Agricultural Livestock Insurance Company, Evans and Wortham Insurance Company, Crescent Plantation Insurance Company, Little Eva Plantation Insurance Company, Nine Bar Ranch Insurance Company, Autoplan Insurance Company, Fidelity Deposit Company.



# REGENTS: THE RICH

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Bates at his Bank of the Southwest

## bates

Bates, Chairman of the UH Board of Regents, graduated from the University of Texas Law School in 1915. He is a founder of one of Space City's two largest law firms, Fulbright, Crooker, Freeman, Bates and Jaworski.

For more inside poop on the Kooger Kolonel, see the article pertaining to him elsewhere in this special section on the University of Houston.

Bates is either chairman or a director of the following corporations:

Southwest Research Institute  
Gulf Atlantic Warehouse  
Missouri Pacific Railroad  
Lincoln Consolidated  
Bank of the Southwest

Gulf Coast Bank\*  
Long Point Bank\*  
South Park Bank\*

Houston Intercontinental Bank\*

Western National Bank\*

(\*controlling interest held by the Bank of the Southwest)

## duke

Duke, of Horseshoe "D" Ranch in Johnson City, Texas has been a member of the Board of Regents since 1963. He sits on the Regents' Finance and Investment Committees. A close associate and neighbor of Lyndon Johnson, he has served Brown and Root, Inc. (B&R), an anti-union ultra-conservative international construction company. B&R has often been credited with LBJ's political success. After his election as Vice President, B&R built the Texas facilities for NASA and constructed military bases in Viet Nam. More recently, B&R donated trucks for use in Preston Smith's campaign.

James T. Duke is a Board member of the following companies:

Brown Construction Co.  
Brown Engineering Corp.  
Brown & Root Construction C.A.  
Brown & Root Sudamerica Ltd.  
Mid Valley Utility Contractors  
Brown & Root Ltd., Canada  
Brown & Root Marine Operators, Inc.  
Brown Securities Co.  
Brown & Root Caribe (Puerto Rico)  
Victoria Gravel Co.  
Houston Executive Air Service, Inc.  
Driskill Hotel Co.  
Eleven-O-One Corp.  
Esperado Mining Co.  
Frio Pipe Line Co.  
Highland Oil Co.  
Joe D. Hughes, Inc.  
Southern Sales & Tran. Co.  
Texas Railway Equipment Co.  
Oil Field Service Co.



Regents Duke and Parker

## parker

Parker is the president of Parker Brothers and Company, a Houston-based subcontracting firm selling concrete, brick and shell to many of the UH contractors. Beside the Building Committee, he is a member of the Regents' Investment and Finance Committees. Along with Chairman Bates, Parker is a director of the Bank of the Southwest.

Parker is also a director of the Buckeye Concrete Company, Temple Crushed Stone Company, Texas Molten Sulfur Transport Company, Greens Bayou Engineering and Machine Company, the Sioux City and New Orleans Barge Lines, Inc. and the Lake Charles Dredging and Towing Company.

## LEGAL COMPLEX

Chairman Bates' law firm — Fulbright, Crooker, Freeman, Bates and Jaworski — has firm control of the Bank of the Southwest, and Elkins' law firm — Vinson, Elkins, Searls and Connally — has firm control of the First City National Bank.

These mammoth law firms have representatives of the numerous corporations to which they are legal counsel. Thereby corporate lawyers become important and influential members of the corporate power elite.

## POLICING THE EMPIRE

In order to keep the Empire secure, ruling interests have found it necessary to maintain police forces. These forces range in size and scope from the weakest country constable to the most omniscient intelligence operations.

Regent Johnson, a former District Attorney and County Judge, is a director of the Texas Law Enforcement Foundation. The Foundation acts as a conduit, channelling funds from rich individuals, foundations and corporations to police agencies throughout the State. Of course, it's all tax-exempt.

Regent Duke's Brown and Root — notorious for its military base construction in the U.S. and Viet Nam (policing the Empire in South East Asia) — also conducts right-wing propaganda campaigns.

Chairman Bates' M.D. Anderson Foundation was exposed as a Central Intelligence Agency conduit in 1967 by Newsweek and Ramparts Magazines. The Foundation sent a group of lawyers overseas to promote the use of "democratic" institutions in foreign lands, and was later reimbursed by the CIA.

The M.D. Anderson Foundation is a prime contributor to the annual District Attorneys' conference held in UH's Moody Towers.

## farfel

Farfel, a Houston resident, attended New York City University and received his law degree from Houston Law School (now Bates Law School). He is Vice-Chairman of the Board of Regents and sits on the Regents' Executive, Finance and Investment Committees.

Farfel is the former Chairman of the Board of Funds, Inc., an investment management firm now owned by Lincoln Consolidated. He is the senior partner of A.J. Farfel and Company (Certified Public Accountants). He is also a director of Dunhill International — a holding company — and A.G. Spalding Brothers. He is a former director of Channel 13.

Farfel is also a director of the Ben Franklin Savings Association which is owned by Senator-elect Lloyd Bentsen's Lincoln Consolidated (of which Farfel is also a director).

Socially he is a member of the Board of Directors of the Alley Theater, the Houston Symphony, the Houston Chamber of Commerce and the American Jewish Committee.



Rauch

## rauch

Rauch, a new Regent as of 1969, sits on the Regents' Investment and Building Committees. He is a member of the Board and Secretary-Treasurer of Houston-based Standard Southern Corporation, a family-owned corporation which owns Houston commercial properties, the Diamond Paint Company and 90% stock in the Los Angeles Cold Storage Company. Standard Southern is also a military subcontractor, selling fuel pipeline to the Air Force.

A native Houstonian, he attended the New Mexico Military Institute. Upon graduation he moved to Houston and attended the UH College of Business.

In Houston's social society, Rauch sits on the Boards of the Jewish Community Council and the Westwood Country Club.



# BATES...

the student, but its his to keep peace and order on campus.

It has always been my policy that the Board of Regents of a college act as the board of directors of a large corporation."

*On Faculty:* "The Administration should be very careful in recommending to the board faculty members and other personnel because we don't have time to investigate them.

I'm afraid they don't do as much screening as they should for communists. That's what I told Dr. Hoffman.

The deans make the investigations. The deans ought to be more careful in their investigations before making recommendations to Dr. Hoffman for approval."

*On Student role:* "I think the University is doing a good job of filling posts in downtown Houston. Students are wise. Some think they should run the University. I don't think they should go to the University if they think they are all that smart.

"The Senate should not try to run the University. They should be concerned with students, not administrative affairs. What do they know about running the school? You can't have but one head and one governing body; not in business or in school. We look to Hoffman, not students or faculty to run the school . . . Hoffman represents the Board well.

"I think our public is disgusted with the students . . . the Board has a difficult time getting money. Students should act responsibly.

"I think the people of Houston have been very generous (financially) but students haven't responded as they should."

*On free speech:* "I can't tolerate rioting. There is no place for rioting . . . If something happens, well they (downtown police) ought to be called in immediately. I don't think he (Fultz) was aggressive as should have been when Governor Smith was here . . . '1, 2, 3, 4; we don't want your fuckin' war' . . . Students who say this should not be toler-

ated. There is no place on the University for obscenities . . . I feel the University should review films (shown on campus).

*On War and University Compliance:* "Nixon didn't get in the war. He's trying to get out in a way which . . . People should appreciate his way. I'm for his program. I think (in the beginning) we should have bombed the hell out of them (the Communists).

"If a school is owned by the public, it must defend the state. Hell, I'm for it (military research). I see no reason why we should not accept the money. R.O.T.C. is the University's obligation to serve the State . . ."

*On serving surrounding communities:* (Asked why UH didn't integrate until 1963?) "We probably didn't have any applications before that." (Asked about lowering admission requirements to let in more minority race students) "I don't think you can build a great University by lowering standards. If they're ambitious, there are plenty of junior colleges. Why should they have any more right to use University facilities?"

(Asked why, after students invited Mark Rudd to speak, UH got an order preventing him from speaking) "He should not have been permitted on campus. Men who come to UH should speak as educated people. Why should Rudd be invited to tear down the University built by the public? The state should not provide the platform. SDS has no place on campus.

Jane Fonda has no business speaking . . . It is the responsibility of the Administration to prevent . . . Only activists are at these events who aren't interested in the country, just raising hell."

## PERSONAL CONCLUSIONS

Six months ago I saw the University of Houston as a different shaped animal than I see it today. I believe the inputs to the operations came from the base: the students and faculty. After talking with the Chairman of the Board of Regents, trying student politics and talking with the V.P.'s and Deans, a different view took form. This is why the interviews of Deans and the role (none) of the Student Association is left out of this report.

The inputs I believed existed (faculty, students) do not exist. Chairman Bates, cleared my mind of all doubt when he compared his University to a corporation. In Bates analogy, the University is controlled by its president according to the general directives of its owners through its ruling board (the taxpayers as represented by an economic power elite). It is then the duty of this president, with the help of a board of V.P.'s whom he selects, to formulate the daily policies of the University. The Deans serve as departmental managers whose duty it is to select good employees. To extend Chairman Bates analogy, these employees must take raw material (people) and shape them to form a finished product with increased value (people with degrees in hand). In the processing of this product, the University produces a marketable by-product which enables the University to grow, giving its ruling board a better return on their investment. This by-product of course is research consulting.

My thanks to Chairman Bates.

## UNIVERSITY STOCKS

### The UH Endowment Fund

The UH Endowment Fund consists of stocks and bonds held by the University. Its investments as of August 31, 1970, amounted to \$6,118,638 at book value. The Endowment is managed by the Regent's Investments Committee (Farfel, Elkins, Johnson, Rauch) with all meetings held in secret.

Notable in the Endowment Fund holdings is Wortham's American General stock valued at \$177,063. Also common stock valued at \$20,818 is held in the American-General controlled Texas Commerce Bank. The largest corporate investment is in the Bates-related Anderson-Clayton and Company, with the Endowment holding debts (bonds) valued at \$1.382 million. Bates' law firm is Anderson-Clayton's legal counsel, and Bates' partner, Jaworski, on Anderson-Clayton's board of directors.

### The UH Foundation

According to Chairman Bates, the UH Foundation was "created by the Administration for faculty salary supplementation." The Foundation gets its money by making donation appeals to Houston corporations and their owners. These appeals clarify one aspect of the University's relation to the Houston business establishment:

"An investment in . . . a major university is an investment in the future. For the corporation, it is an investment in the quality of its future personnel, its most important resource." — P.G. Hoffman

"The University of Houston is not only a

reservoir of graduates soon to be working throughout the area, but a great training center for continual upgrading of your company's personnel." — W. Stewart, Foundation President.

Last year University donations amounted to \$2,473,941. It is the purpose of the UH Foundation to raise these non-state monies. Officers of the Foundation (all businessmen, UH regents, or UH administrators selected by the regents) have considerable influence over the operations and policies of the University.

To understand what Bates means by "faculty salary supplementation," the tax return of the foundation and the University budget must be studied. (Keep in mind that while Bates says "faculty", what he means is upper-level administrators, not associate professors or teaching assistants.) From the foundation, Hoffman receives double his state-paid salary to a total of \$48,000, placing his salary level in the top one percent of public University presidents. He also receives non-state authorized travel, private club memberships, and a Foundation car (a 1970 fully-equipped Buick Electra convertible). Also he gets a life insurance policy and a Foundation donated home. Foundation funds even supplied an inboard motorboat for Hoffman to drive up his private canal entrance to his Jamaica Beach resort home (smooth sailing, Phil!)

Another function of the UH Foundation is to insure the buildings on campus. An assistant to V-P McElhinney assured me that there exists no conflict of interests between regent Mrs. Wortham and the carrier agent, John L. Wortham & Sons.







Hoffman (left) signs agreement with Brazilian official to restructure that country's universities to "crank out technocrats."

## FOREIGN RELATIONS

"Over half the Universities (in Brazil) are federally run. There is tremendous influence on universities . . . I know Brazilian military leaders very well." (UH prof. F.M. Tiller)

"We are contributing to strengthening the Brazilian government by contributing to their universities." (UH Engineering Dean Kirkpatrick)

"Any government must consider the problems at hand. Governments have become concerned about the development of other governments." (Tiller)

"The University of Houston will continue focusing on the world, and particularly on Latin America. This is the way it ought to be." (UH Faculty Dean, E.B. Fields)

The University of Houston has long conducted operations in Latin America by the Office of International Affairs. Originally these programs were funded mostly by the Alliance for Progress. They are now paid for by private source (Allied Chemical) and the State Department-CIA funded Agency for International Development (AID). AID has been very active in Latin America to preserve the American way (US overseas enterprises in these countries). One such AID program designed to give special police training in guerilla detection and warfare, had twice as much money spent in Brazil than in any other country funded. Another AID program guarantees US capital invested in these countries against losses sustained by nationalization, expropriation or damages attributed to civil uprisings. In short, AID programs are centered around protecting US overseas investments through programs designed to keep "friendly" dictatorships in power.

Presently, UH conducts programs in Mexico and Guatemala but most monies (over one million dollars) are being spent in graduate engineering and university administration programs in Brazil.

These programs are headed by Frank M. Tiller, the UH M.D. Anderson Foundation professor of chemical engineering. Tiller, who is an expert on Latin America, conducted a week long briefing conference on the UH campus in 1966 to prepare the US military advisors on Latin and South America. As a M.D. Anderson pro-

fessor, Tiller receives a yearly stipend (\$10,000) from the M.D. Anderson Foundation as an added salary inducement to continue his valuable work at UH. M.D. Anderson's firm (Anderson-Clayton) is the leading exporter of both cotton and coffee from Brazil. Profits to Anderson-Clayton from Latin American operations (mostly in Brazil) amounted to 37% last year.

The present Brazilian government, in power since 1964, is a fascist regime, headed by General Branco. The regime has expanded federal police powers, has added provisions in the constitution calling for suspensions of personal liberties, and has declared it illegal for candidates who are not sympathetic to Branco's government to run in Brazilian "elections." Though all eligible persons are forced to vote (by law), literacy requirements limit the electorate to under 25% of the populace.

Tiller's Brazilian University modernization program has funded travel to Brazil for several UH deans, from the schools of engineering, business, pharmacy, education and optometry. Both Tiller and Kirkpatrick were in Brazil around the time of the November, 1970, elections which were preceded by a massive nation-wide round-up of "suspected subversives". The Houston Post reported that in Rio de Janeiro alone, 5,000 persons, mostly students, were jailed.

Tiller's former assistant, born in Brazil and educated in Europe, explained that the Brazilian government "in the American standpoint is 'dictatorial' ", but added that "the people in Brazil are of a different mentality."

Tiller described his program as a way to lend a "helping hand" to our Latin American neighbors. Tiller's former assistant came close in describing the program's purpose when she said it was to "develop education to crank out technocrats." In this function, she said the UH program was a success.

After talking to Tiller, it appeared that he was conducting a misguided goodwill program. But recalling other AID ventures, this did not explain why the State Department (and/or CIA) would spend over one million dollars to fund a program giving the US seemingly only indirect results.

However, further investigation revealed a military document in which Tiller explained that the problem in Brazilian universities is that they are democratic situations. Or as he puts it: "Its (faculty & students) relation to the rector is similar to what would

exist if any army general was subject to a governing group with a liberal sprinkling of young recruits. A more *healthy situation* would exist if the body with ultimate authority consisted of a smaller number of prominent citizens."

But why is this change in rule worth over one million to the State Department-CIA?

"Tens of thousands of young people are milling around Latin American campuses seeking education. These young people will have tremendous influence in national affairs; and if they are not educated properly and directed along constructive lines, they may be expected to have a negative effect on future affairs. When their aspirations are not fulfilled and they are not occupied with studies, Latin American students turn to politics and strikes. While immaturity is an inevitable companion of student strikes, there is frequently a strong threat of justice in that the youngsters may not be receiving the quality of education they deserve. Schools with high academic standards and full-time professors and administrators are less troubled with student unrest. Solving the problems of Latin American universities will partially quiet student agitation and assure adequately trained leaders for the future."

— F.M. Tiller



## CONSULTING

University of Houston professors are permitted and often encouraged to work for outside firms and government agencies by privately arranged consulting contracts. These contracts, which are not reported in University records, have resulted in large donations to the University Foundation by participating firms.

Some consulting is highly organized. The College of Business manages the Management Development Center to give refresher courses to industry execs. Their Associates Program was designed to "build a bridge" between the University and Downtown businesses.

Also, the Engineering College established Houston Research Institute (HRI) to supplement faculty salaries. Its directors include Bates, Farfel, Hoffman, Dean Allred, and a host of profs in the engineering department (including Pringle, Duckler, and Crump). In 1968 after HRI and its Defense Contracting and close University affiliation became public, the University officers sold HRI to Spacecraft Corporation. Still, some University professors continue to consult for Spacecraft, and the UH owns \$200,000 in Spacecraft stock.

Other professors consult for government agencies in their summer months. One such professor, Dr. Sailors in the Economics Department, has worked under an AID Institute of Defense Analysis contract to conduct a study on the S. Vietnamese economy.

*Dean Bennett and the CIA*

"I am a 'redneck' and proud of it. I believe in my country — right or wrong." — Dean Bennett

Dr. Bennett, a biology prof and Associate Arts and Sciences Dean, has been with the University for twenty years. During that time he conducted 6 — 8 years of regular consulting for the CIA and was even authorized by Hoffman to take a leave of absence to do full time CIA work in microbiology.

When asked about the research, Bennett replied he had done several CIA projects while at UH. He said that like other U.H. profs conducting CIA work, his funds had been through legitimate corporations and foundations. Research director C.W. Zabel commented that "He has some kind of channel I don't know about."

Though Dean Bennett says he is not at liberty to say if he is still contracting for the CIA, he added that he could not deny that he still is. He later said that he was about to publish a paper as the result of his recent research. However, as to source of funds, he has done no research through University channels; and when questioned, he said, "I think you know the source."

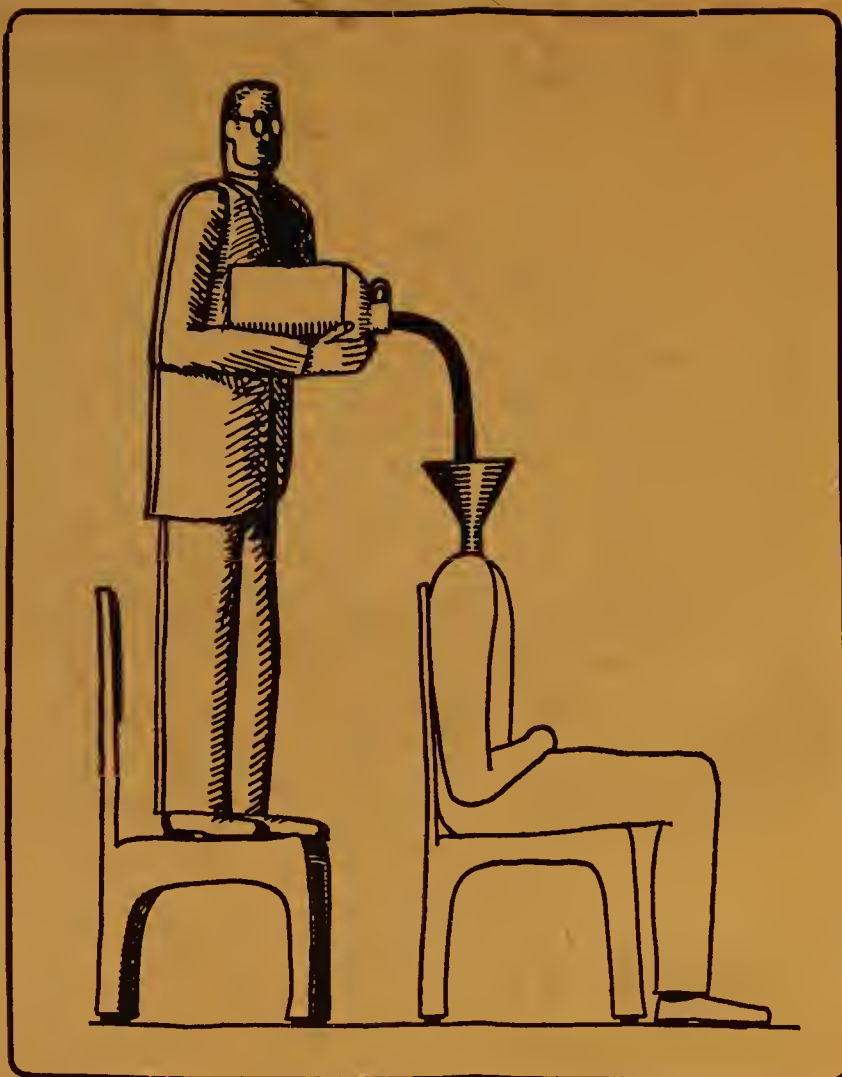
When asked if his CIA work had resulted in the loss of human life, he said, "Certainly." He then went on to explain about the "people who want to bury us." In fact, one of his projects involved putting harmful bacteria in canned foods to be eaten by the Chinese people.

Besides his CIA poisonings and microbacteria work for oil companies, Dean Bennett has been a Department of Defense consultant since 1960 and his research has resulted in several academic papers including, "Pitfalls in Germicide Testing."



IN SEARCH  
OF EXCELLENCE?

# THE RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT



"Like most colleges and universities we have welcomed the opportunity for our faculty members to make themselves and therefore the school useful to government and industry."  
— P.G. Hoffman

The University of Houston has research funded by three sources: government, foundations, and corporations.

Research is important to the University of Houston. Last year expenditures in organized research amounted to 15% of the University budget. Graduate students learn quickly to respect it because it pays for most of their tuitions and expenses. Faculty members are "encouraged" to apply for grants as it is considered (or lack of it is considered) in faculty promotions and raises.

But if research is considered a marketable commodity, with UH competing for research funds to achieve "excellence", then logically the University would attempt to entice the sources of these funds. But, is this the case? For example, can one look at the existence of University provided and accredited ROTC facilities and then contribute this to a sizable amount of DoD research?

This question was asked of Research Director, Carol W. Zabel, who responded by citing an instance where a foundation asked the University to conduct some applied research having no value to the University. Zabel said he could not approve the research on this basis so he sent it to Vice-President McElhinney, who also disapproved the research. However, president Hoffman overruled them and approved it, pointing out that refusing would jeopardize other contributions made to the University by the same foundation.

In 1962, Hoffman reported that NASA "had indicated that the school should have doctoral programs in electrical engineering and mechanical engineering supported by the state." The University now has those programs.

But Hoffman is not satisfied with the present level of research. So he established a Washington, D.C. office (lobby) for the University. This office,

located across the hall from the Brown & Root offices, is headed by Allan Commander who answers directly to Hoffman. In a Washington interview, Commander was of little help in stating the purpose of his office. But a letter in his possession dated January 19, 1968, from P.G. Hoffman to the Department of Defense offered explanation: "A University of our size and strength should have a sponsored research activity considerably in excess of ten million dollars. At least part of the reason why we do not is simply that our growth has been very rapid and our history very short in comparison to the other well-established universities which are presently large contractors with the Department of Defense. This has created an inevitable phase lag, and we look to Project THEMIS to help overcome it." (signed P.G. Hoffman).

## MILITARY & WAR RESEARCH

Forty five percent (\$3.4 million) of the University's operated research is military related. Research director Zabel estimates there are 30 to 35 people who hold DoD security clearances. Hoffman and Dean of Engineering Kirpatrick hold top secret clearances. Zabel had a previous clearance from his work at Los Alamos, and his assistant Phil Vogel was cleared as he was an FBI agent before coming to UH.

It is interesting to note that Zabel, who knows better than anyone what research is conducted at UH and who says that he favors a policy of accepting no classified research, is resigning his post in the Research Office.

While the Engineering College is the largest promoter of DoD research (Army, Navy, A.F. only) several other departments have been involved. These include the departments of biology, chemistry, physics, and psychology; each with grants in the \$50,000 range. The three largest DoD grants, funded through the Office of Naval Research, are being conducted in engineering. All have direct military applications.

Dr. R.C. Motard has a \$570,000 grant entitled "Project Themis: An Integrated Information Processing System for Design, Simulation, Command and Control." When the multi-university Project THEMIS (DoD funded) came under

congressional attack last year, the UH project was considered of military importance and the funding was then picked up by the Office of Naval Research.

With prospects of a volunteer army and public attention on draft calls, the military realizes that systems automation will release soldiers from office duties so that more fighting men are available on a reduced draft call. Already the DoD is the largest user of computers in the world. Motard's work involves combining analog, digital and hybrid computers to achieve automated systems command. One of the grant requirements includes military consultation. Though the amount of consultation of military systems is unknown, Motard admitted to having run computer programs sent down from Washington.

The other projects are D. Muster's "Underwater Acoustics" and H.S. Hayre's "Underwater Acoustic Wave Propagation and Signal Analysis". Muster's grant is \$253,530 and Hayre's is \$177,431. Hayre has been a consultant since 1965 to the US Naval Research Lab. Both researchers hold "Top Secret" clearances and have their mail delivered by a special courier (with a clearance) from the mailroom. Though their secretaries hold clearances, their graduate students can not be required to seek military clearances. The result, explained by one of Hayre's students, is that all papers they write must be censored by Hayre. It also prevents them from comparing their research because it is all classified. He also said that occasionally when their research reached a "classified point" Hayre would force them to discontinue further research in that area.

When first interviewed, Hayre spoke of wave propagation as a means of diver-submarine and earth-lunar capsule communication. More clearly explained by his graduate student, Hayre and Motard's work involves military detection and surveillance through radar and sonar. It means producing a radio wave that can not be detected by other vessels (signal appears as background static). It means producing a Radar-Sonar signal that appears to be sent from a different area. It gives the military an identification of a vessel (by type of return waves) before the vessel comes into sight. The research enables submarines to stay submerged and identify overhead aircraft. It even assists in the identification of underground spaces such as tunnels in Viet Nam, or as Dr. Hayre stated, "My research has no direct military applications."



BRIAN GRANT'S

# ADVICE TO DOPERS



Sorry I missed last issue. From time to time I weary of the works of man; of noisy machinery and foul gasses, ugly tangles of plastic and steel, of asphalt and newsprint, and most of all, of hate and fear. I know a place where the human plague has not yet touched, where water falls from stainless skies to run free and pure down forested mountain sides, touching the earth everywhere with life. I go there to discover once again that I am human, and thus related to all life: woven together with birds and butterflies and whales and trees and even with the very rocks into an ancient fabric that is the heritage of billions of years of slow and fathomlessly intricate evolution. There I can forget, for a little while, that such places are dwindling fortresses under a relentless siege.

The minds of the intelligent minority have created tools and weapons fit for gods. The minds of the mindless majority have elected leaders after their own image to rule the use of these tools and weapons. It happens to serve the interests of shortsighted, misguided, selfish and powerful men to transform forests into waste paper, rivers into sewers, precious and limited stores of irreplaceable fossil fuels into poisonous gas: to seduce and hypnotize the masses into an artificial hunger to consume, consume, consume the mountains of trinkets and status symbols, all but inedible food; sterile, monotonous surroundings; meaninglessness.

## From the dopey mailbox ...

Brian Grant,

I just returned from home down south; the town I come from is a total bummer as far as free or inexpensive activity. So I came back to school early. Just bought the new Space City Dec 23-Jan 14 and Gordon Lightfoot's Sit Down Young Stranger. The mixture for my head is very real. I wanted to compliment the staff of the paper and your column — straight-forward, actualizing and rational.

I drank some fresh "Yotie" juice a couple of days before I came back to Houston. I really experienced a in depth trip into my person. I consumed six poems by Rainer Maria Rilke — great for a personal deep journey. One I'd like to share for poetry freaks.

"Whoever you are, go out into the evening,  
leaving your room, of which you know each bit;  
your house is the last before the infinite,  
whoever you are.  
Then with your eyes that wearily  
scarce lift themselves from the worn-out door-stone  
slowly you raise a shadowy black tree  
and fix it on the sky: slender alone.  
And you have made the world (and it shall grow  
and ripen as a word unspoken, still)  
When you have grasped its meaning with your will  
then tenderly your eyes will let it go. . ."

(by Rainer Maria Rilke — Selected Poems)

Hope ya can dig it and that it creates an art in your head.

You can do wonderful things with your head, if you want to.  
Dan Scorpio

Q: What country is meshmakon (the heaviest grass in the world) grown in? I have access to seaman's papers which is why I want to know.

A: Michoacan (and various other spellings) refers to a region in Mexico, just as Colorado refers to a region in the U.S. The grass grown there is quite good, but not the best in the world by far.

Q: Although I have had no adverse psychological effects from LSD I often wonder if my abilities of memorization and concentration don't diminish each time I swallow a tab. Moreover, I am concerned that my ambition may also lessen substantially. I plan to enter a career for which I wish to have all of my mental faculties at my command and don't want to risk the impairment of them. I have dropped about ten times and would like to drop twenty or thirty more

And all the while, man breeds, multiplies, increases his insane, demanding rape of a dying world. Pardon me. I know that you have heard it all before. I know that many of you do not care. But for me, life is God.

I find it difficult to imagine an intelligent person accepting for very long the image of Jehovah as an anthropomorphic, conscious, super-Father figure; listening to prayers, hurling lightning bolts, sending prophets, ghostwriting books, and burning fornicators and nonbelievers in eternal hellfire. The religions of the Mindless and their exploiters tailor the Gods they invent to suit human needs and fears; truncated, humanized, petty, jealous . . . insulting.

The universe is energy, existing in many forms. Most of this energy is in the form of hydrogen gas in intergalactic space; but some of it has formed into larger atoms, molecules and compounds. The remarkable thing about matter is that it tends to change, usually to more complex forms. Carbon. Oxygen. Electromagnetic radiation from a mass of hydrogen which is slowly changing into helium, which is to say: sunlight. The first nucleic acids, proteins, microorganisms, trilobites, pterodactyls, mammoths and men. From simple elements to complex, from molecules to viruses to cells to vertebrates: all flowing from the nature of matter, all part of the inscrutable miracle of complexity that is creation. If the universe embodies or represents the handiwork of a living intelligence, it would be laughably beyond the exploits and characteristics of any of the "Gods" of human mythology. The Intelligence behind the principles and properties of our universe is built into every electron, every stone: God is not a single being remote from the universe, God is the universe, in all its vastness and manifest in all which comes to pass. You are part of the body of God; you share that distinction with the cockroach you kill, the car you drive, the stars you cannot see.

But on Earth, God is being chopped and burned and paved and pesticided to death. In our lifetime we can expect to witness the extermination of perhaps half of all the millions of miracles — life forms — our planetary biochemistry has managed to create in all the eons of its existence. How shabby and ugly is New York City compared to Yosemite. How appropriate that the half-alive teeming masses of the twenty-first century will be forced to live in a grey, cement tomb with their pets and their parasites. The beauty and variety and complexity that is Nature is food for the soul of a poet, a philosopher, a human being. In a world of zombies, driven from the cradle by the electronic conditioning of bigger zombies, there is no more place for poets than there is for tigers or eagles or passengers pigeons or elephants. The truly human being is the most endangered of species . . .

Well, now that that is out of my system, suppose we turn to the information side of this column. It is reported that the small, light blue caps being sold as THC (or whatever else the dealer may chose to call it) is "BAD STUFF." I appreciate notes like this, but it would sure help if the informant would give more details and even give his name and phone number. No one opens my mail but me, and such things as last names are strictly confidential. There are probably more than one variety of small blue caps around. For example, I was given one recently which my friend called psilocybin; a very pretty robin's-egg blue cap. He said tonight that this stuff gave him cramps and made him very tense and paranoid. Many bad trips could be avoided if people would report their impressions whenever they run into some particularly bad (or good) dope: you don't even have to write a letter, just call Space City! and dictate a brief message.

but like other dopers I know I hassle over these possibilities. What conclusions have been found regarding the probability of such consequences?

Digs Acid

A: Name a conclusion, and you can find a learned experimenter who has verified it, and another who has disproved it. My own belief is that the effect of LSD on the storage and retrieval of data depends upon the individual, the purity of the drug, the frequency of use, and the way it is used. There is little evidence that the counterblocking process, in which LSD replaces serotonin at the synaptic sites, damages or otherwise permanently changes brain structure or function. Tripping does place a strain on the brain, since it vastly accelerates the rate of firing in cortical material, and one should "train" for tripping with proper rest and diet, before and after. For numerous reasons, I advise against using LSD more than once a month; although the body can recover most of its vitamins and other lost elements in three or four days.

Ambition, of course, is tangled up in values. The values underlying an ambition to create beauty are different from the values underlying an ambition to become rich, for example. LSD sometimes saps incentive in activities that are unpleasant or tedious, but it can also fill a person with excitement and energy. I think the key to this phenomenon is in how close the ambition in question is to the fundamental interests of the person involved. Suppose a person with an ambition to become the richest tax lawyer in Houston drops acid and asks himself, "Why throw my precious life away devoting most of my waking time to boring laws and tedious study, just for money I don't really need? Is he rationalizing or merely opening his eyes?"

John Lennon was dropping LSD almost daily for some of the Beatles' most productive years. It did not slow him down because he was doing what he wanted to do. Sometimes people are forced to do unpleasant things for the sake of an ultimate, long range goal. If this goal is clearly and honestly understood, LSD will not destroy your self discipline. Drugs can and do provide excuses for procrastination in the immature and undisciplined, however; and most marijuana induces a proclivity to inertia by virtue of its tranquilizing properties. And many is the apathetic street freak who would rather regard his uncreative and parasitical existence as a triumph over the games of our sick society than as a natural by-product of a lazy and self-indulgent personality.

If it were up to me, people would begin to use LSD around the age of fifty, with their professional contributions and money worries behind them, and with free time and a large store of knowledge to play with. Mature men like Leary, Watts, Huxley, Ginsberg, and their ilk were able to bring a long lifetime of experience to the altar, and the brilliant complexity of the trips these men report is a far cry from the awesome but superficial experiences of most young people. After the first ten or so trips, the novelty value of LSD lessens, and the impact of each trip becomes reduced; it is like grass: the first few times you get stoned, the whole world is transformed, time and space are warped, every sensation is magical. Later on these effects disappear: the old head still gets stoned, but he has learned to adjust to the new perceptions, and take them for granted.

By all means, take your forty trips, or a hundred; but why take them all now? LSD, or something better, is here to stay. Hopefully, the society we live in will evolve into one with a more rational reaction to the meaning and potential of psychedelic experience, and meanwhile, the longer apart you space your trips, the more special and meaningful they will become.





# FOODE



## prepared packaged food

I know almost all you readers buy some food at the supermarkets. I do, and I also know that for the convenience of prepared packaged foods we are paying through the nose. Our secret agent among the faculty has reminded me that supermarket costs are almost half the result of paying for advertising and the means of coercing the shopper into impulse buying. Tremendous amounts of money go for attractive color printing, special packaging, prepared convenience foods (cake mixes, soup mixes, etc.) and special psychological persuasion studies and consulting. Most of this unnecessary garbage gets charged to yours truly because we allow it to happen.

Hard times are coming when we can't afford such luxury. It can really be entertaining to get several people together to prepare foods from scratch. Besides being more economical and less work when cooking is done together, the food produced is often much better for you. Not all preserved foods should be avoided but try to get the plain un-a-dorned foods in cans and frozen rather than the concocted mixes, sauces, and tv dinners.

## making up recipes

Try making up recipes to suit your own tastes. I suggest you start by browning meat, onions and garlic together (vegetarians may use soy tofu or another meat substitute) in fresh vegetable oil and then add grated carrots, chopped bell peppers, and parsley flakes. This is a good starting base. Flavor with such favorite seasonings (your choice) as curry powder, chili powder, red or black pepper, cumin, oregano, anise seed, celery seed, rosemary, bay laurel, sweet basil, thyme, ginger, sage or whatever else strikes your fancy.

You can add tomatoes and make a tomato sauce, flour and make a gravy, vegetables and meaty soup stock for a soup or stew and a hundred other variations that suit your palate. Try sweet-sour combinations using vinegar, wine or lemon juice, with brown sugar or honey with such dishes as meats or vegetables. Ever try Phillipine baked fish? Get a whole, cleaned and scaled, five pound fish. Sautée in oil one medium size onion and two cloves of garlic, all finely chopped. Slice very thinly a piece of fresh ginger the size of your thumb. Put the fish in a ½ cup water, soy sauce, lemon juice (or wine), and salt to taste. Cook slowly, basting the sauce over the fish occasionally. Super delicious!

## even lowly legumes

Even the lowly legumes like beans and peas can be cooked to taste delightfully savory. For instance, try lentils for variety. The Greeks have a wonderful soup made as follows: Soak two cups of lentils overnight and rinse well. Cover with water and bring to a boil. Pour off the water and add two quarts fresh water along with seven cloves of cut garlic, three clove buds and oregano, salt and pepper to taste. Add salt at the end of the two hour cooking time and the soup will cook faster. In almost all cooking, salt added too soon will screw up the texture of the food. Now for a sauce which really sets off the soup! Chop and sauté in olive oil one onion. Season with salt and lemon juice. This sauce is spooned onto the top of the lentil soup. Try it! You have never tasted anything

so good I guarantee!

Try to do some of your cooking with meats that other people disdain to use. Soup bones, stew beef, chicken backs, and necks, kidneys, liver and other organ meats are all very cheap just because some straight and finniky people are either afraid to or are too lazy to try cooking them. Even fish heads, carefully cleaned, can be cooked thoroughly, meat cleaned off and the broth and meat cooked together with vegetables to make a rich and savory soup.

— The Rag

## Arsenic and Old Chickens

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS) — The Agriculture Dept. has admitted that up to one-quarter of the poultry samples tested in 1968-69 contained "excessive residues" of arsenic.

The officials hastily add that the arsenic is "organic." Now that people know that organic food is good for them, the Dept. hopes they won't mind ingesting organic poison. Murder-mystery arsenic is of the "inorganic" type, say officials, and is a lot more toxic than organic arsenic. That still doesn't tell us just how toxic organic arsenic is, however.

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# SPIRO, FREAKS, PIGS, ETC.

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the side of the paddy wagon and thus initiated the fray. But everyone we've rapped with insists that the first busts preceded the flinging of the mysterious bottle.

Few of our warriors went to jail quietly and peacefully. "I couldn't believe the militance of the scene," a sister who was busted in the early stages of the fracas later told us. "Everywhere I looked, people were fighting."

The main battle ground was smack dab in the middle of the street, rather inconveniently near the open door of the first paddy wagon. Dodging passionate cries of "Fuckin' pigs!" police severed large portions of the crowd from the action, making it increasingly risky for people to move in and offer support for their sisters and brothers.

Some folks in the early battle escaped into the crowd, but were pursued and captured. A small number got in theiricks and safely disappeared.

We saw police grab one young girl (later identified as 16-year-old Debby Sirman) and, in trying to tame her, rip off her shirt. Naked to the waist, she was dragged into a patrol car behind the paddy wagon. According to Mark Bell, a 14-year-old brother whom police mistook for a girl and put in the car with our shirtless sister, the pigs didn't give her even so much as a coat.

Mark gave her his jacket. He said the pigs hit her over the head with a flashlight while she was in the car. Debby later talked to Space City! about the brutal treatment she and two of her friends received (see interview elsewhere on these pages).

Several witnesses described incidents of unnecessary police brutality, both during and after



Coyotes of all ages howl it up.

photo by Doyle Niemann

the initial busts. Police swung flashlights and wielded cans of mace to subdue demonstrators. Dennis Fitzgerald, a Space City! staffer, said he was knocked to the ground outside the paddy wagon and treated to the unique experience of a pig's booted hoof grinding itself into his face and forehead before he was hoisted by his kinky blond locks into the van. His bandaged and bruised mug remains ready evidence of his story.

Some police, observers say, had their hand guns drawn. A patrol car came screeching up on the

esplanade, in the process ejecting the pig in the passenger seat, who skidded several feet along the ground to the accompaniment of loud cheers from the crowd. This officer quickly grabbed for his pistol while the other jumped out, brandishing an M-16 rifle.

Houston Chronicle reporter Mel Freeland was quoted in the Chronicle as saying that he saw police strike demonstrators with their flashlights, "but could not see whether the police had been provoked or abused." He also said that several protesters in the paddy wagon were bleeding from head cuts.

Freeland was among those who were simply picked out of the crowd for arrest because the pigs thought they were ring-leaders, or didn't like their looks, or whatever.

Another was Rod Marks, 19-year-old Rice student, who told Space City! that he was pissed off at being busted "because I didn't have anything to do with the violence."

He said he was on the sidewalk on the hotel side of the street during the melee. His one offense apparently was to scream at the police who were vamping on a sister.

Separated from his Rice friends, Rod decided to leave. He was running across the parking lot toward his car when two pigs jumped out and grabbed him. He was flung to the ground and dragged off.

When they got him to the police van, he said, the pigs slammed him against the closed doors several times, knocking him out cold. He came to in the moving paddy wagon.

Although he had enough money with him to get out of jail, Rod was not released until 7:30 the next morning.

Rod also said he talked with the driver of a car who was busted along with three passengers as they were attempting to leave the area. Police pulled them over near Kirby and the South Loop. They yanked the driver out of the car and started beating on him, leaving him with a busted lip.

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# SPIRO ...

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The four were charged with loitering (in a moving car!) and abusive language.

Bryant Tiertont, 17, a student at Jones High, told us he was sitting on the curb, on the far side of Kirby, when an officer began baiting him. Tiertont decided to split and began walking down the sidewalk. The pig came after him, grabbed him and dragged him off to the paddy wagon.

Tiertont and several other people witnessed one amazing incident of blatant piggery. The police had demonstrators on the far side of the street pinned up against a fence; they were forbidden to cross the street. One brother, who was pretty freaked with the whole scene, politely requested permission from an officer to walk across the street to his car. The pig finally relented and said okay, go on across. As soon as the guy stepped into the street, Tiertont said, the pig and several buddies jumped him, beat on him and threw him into the paddy wagon.

We might add here that several people we talked to went through some real changes as a result of the events of Jan. 21. One brother, who intentionally steered clear of the fighting in the middle of the street because of his pacifist instincts, was very freaked by the pig's actions and impressed with the way many people responded. "I'm not so sure," he told Space City!, "that I won't be in there fighting next time!"

Mel Freeland, the aforementioned Chronicle reporter, was minding his own business and doing his journalistic thing covering the street battle when a police sergeant pointed to him and declared, "I want that one!" Freeland was hauled off to the van, protesting that he was a reporter for the Chronicle. (He had the proper credentials, including a special lapel badge.) His arresting officer replied, "I don't give a damn who you are."

We spoke with Freeland (whose hair is long for a member of the "legit" press) at the police station just after his release. We concluded that the police may have gotten him mixed up with Space City!'s shutter-bug Doyle Niemann (there's a vague resemblance — and all long-hairs look alike). Doyle had had a run-in with police in the early stages of the demonstration.

He was taking pictures, along with other newsmen, outside the Grand Ballroom about 6:30 p.m., before the pigs moved the crowd back to the Kirby Dr. sidewalk. A plainclothes officer asked Niemann who he was taking pictures for. "Space City!," said Doyle. "Space City!'s no newspaper," said the pig, ordering him to cease and desist.

Later, Doyle was in the street taking pictures of the crowd when the same pig confronted him

and pushed him onto the sidewalk. Doyle regained his footing and snapped the cop's picture. The officer lunged at Doyle, grabbing at his camera, and breaking the flash attachment. Doyle suffered a deep cut on his finger and he later heard that the pig cut his hand, too. "I certainly hope so," said Doyle.

A photographer for the University of Houston Daily Cougar left the demonstration with a swollen mouth and an eye irritation from mace, although Chief Short told the Cougar that officers were not carrying gas. Pacifica radio newsmen Gary Thiher was flung up against a car in the melee. Also, several Space City! staffers were roughed up and hauled off to jail.

All in all, the police did a fairly efficient job of clearing the area, although it did take a goodly amount of time. And it may be that if Spiro saw anything at all, he just got a good sense of how effective the Houston men-in-blue are at preserving law 'n order to protect him from the people.

There is no doubt however — despite reports in the commercial media — that many of the banquet-goers were well aware of the demonstration. Pacifica's Mitch Green interviewed some of them as they were entering the Ballroom. One crotchety old fellow said, "That's not a demonstration, that's treason . . . you got about 16 commies over there and they're all pros, too." And on and on. It was a great group — real Agnew fodder.

Incidentally, the police gave no formal warning before the bust began. Customary procedure in such matters allows for an announcement over a bullhorn, ordering demonstrators to disperse within a certain period of time or such-and-such will happen (busts, gassings, shootings, or whatever). Tear gassing is usually the next step. But, in this instance, it appears that the Red Coyotes had the only bullhorn in town.

Because of such negligence and because of the unnecessarily heavy-handed techniques deployed by the police in breaking up the demonstration, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) is considering filing suit against the Houston Police Department. Should the suit, indeed, happen, David Berg will be the attorney.

James Calloway, chairman of the ACLU, told Space City! that he thinks police should have given demonstrators that small stretch of Kirby Drive, by setting up roadblocks. He said he thought such action should have been part of security for Agnew's visit.

People who were brutalized or who witnessed pig atrocities should get their stories and names to ACLU via Switchboard at 526-3666.

Anyway, by the time all the real action was over, those of us remaining were pretty intimidated, but hopping mad. The pigs had chased some of us into the Holiday Inn parking lot and had the rest lined up against the fence across Kirby. Some folks were bemoaning the fact that the whole crowd hadn't mobbed the pigs and others



Outlaws of Amerika, Unite!

felt we shouldn't have allowed them to fight us on their own grounds, that we should have been better guerrillas.

But the police action had sufficiently dampened our spirit and courage, so, reluctantly and hurling curses at the low-winged whirly pigs, we departed.

Thirty seven people were busted — 17 were charged with disorderly conduct, 11 with loitering and four with using abusive language and loitering. Bond for most was \$25.

Also busted was the pig's head. (Remember the pig's head?) The pig-on-a-poke was brought into Riesner Street (to the delight of those in the lobby, we are told), and was stored in a refrigerator. Later, both Cam Duncan and Jim Shannon, upon release, demanded the pig's head as their personal property. And it was (justice will out) returned to them. (Tongue sandwich anyone?)

In retrospect, one aspect of the demonstration was unfortunate: too much of the furor was directed at the police and not enough at Agnew and his cronies inside. Surely the Houston oinkers are worthy of derision, but they certainly aren't the ones pulling the strings.

It would probably have been better, in terms of attacking the real enemy, if folks had been busted trying to get closer to the hotel with its assembled piggery, rather than in attempting to take Kirby. Much of the problem was the physical layout: we were far away from the hotel, half of us on the sidewalk, the rest across the street on the esplanade. And the Houston pigs were in the center ring.

Another reason, we'd guess, that so much was directed at the police, is that a majority of the freaks came well-equipped with a hatred for Houston's finest. Their personal experiences had already made the police a logical target for their frustrations.

Much of the thrust of the demonstration itself was aimed at the war in Indochina. One of the main organizers of the event was the Vietnam Action Project (VAP) of the Red Coyote Tribe. VAP is joining with other groups throughout the country in a concerted effort to revitalize the anti-war movement, now when the danger of escalation seems so real.

A leaflet headed *Vietnam Will Win!* was distributed by the Coalition to Confront Agnew. It was signed by the Harriet Tubman Brigade, the John Brown Revolutionary League, Houston Gay



Plainclothes pig grabs for Space City! photographer Doyle Niemann's camera. Doyle got the picture; the pig got a handfull of flash attachment.

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# AND FREAKS...

Liberation Front, Houston Health Coalition and VAP. Excerpts follow:

"Agnew is a hypocrite and a liar. He speaks at \$100 a plate dinners to combat cancer, but represents a government that spends billions on a war that enriches the rich and kills the poor — billions that could be spent on serving the people, including cancer research . . . .

"Nixon/Agnew know well that there is massive opposition to the Thieu-Ky regime in South Vietnam. U.S. withdrawal and *real* Vietnamization would mean immediate collapse of that regime . . . . Against this background, the peace program of the Provisional Revolutionary Government presented by Madam Binh in Paris in September, 1970, becomes the only viable basis for peace in Vietnam. The PRG Eight Point Proposal responds to the real needs of the Vietnamese people and also answers every question raised by the U.S. negotiating team in Paris, while providing the United States with a mechanism for safe withdrawal of all our troops . . . .

"The U.S. is not getting out of Vietnam. There is speculation that Nixon and Laird will soon resort to the use of "tactical" nuclear weapons in Vietnam. The military will disengage from Vietnam only when it is forced to do so through action at home by the American people as well as on the battlefield by the Vietnamese. Agnew certainly does not speak for the people of the United States . . . .

"We must work to transform the movement against the Vietnam war into the broadest possible movement of black, brown, red, yellow and white Americans. Only then will the war in Indochina end. And only then will the reconstruction of America begin."

If you are interested in getting into the struggle against Amerika's involvement in Indochina, take note: the Vietnam Action Project is scheduling a meeting for Sunday, Jan. 31, 2 p.m. probably at the Space City! office. Call 526-6257 for details. We'll talk about more ways we can bring the issue of the war into the living room of every Houstonian, through educational activities and militant actions.

Remember Agnew!

Seize the Time!



Houston Police paddy wagon before the big bust.

photo by Walter Nelson

## BLOW UP

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personal recognizance bonds.) — that Hutto be committed to the Springfield, Ohio federal penitentiary for a 90-day period in order to undergo "extensive psychiatric examination" to determine if he is competent to participate in his defense.

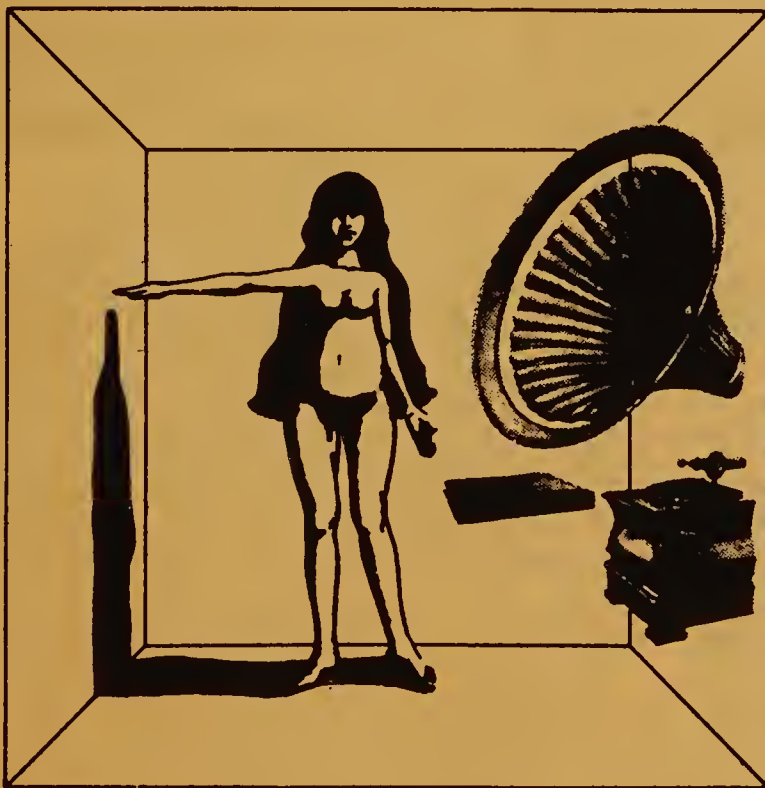
Why is the government so concerned with Hutto's competence that it would introduce a motion normally reserved for the defense? A likely reason is that the government has only the flimsiest case against Hutto (apparently based solely on the testimony of an FBI informant, a notoriously disreputable breed). And since an acquittal for Hutto would be politically troublesome at this time, the preferred option is to send him up the river for

three months, until public attention has moved on to other matters.

The response of U.S. District Judge Woodrow Seals to this motion was commendable in its objectivity. (One might wish that Seals' fairmindedness could be extended leftward and into other courtrooms.) In the face of the government motion, which apparently left him little legal recourse but to comply, Seals stayed commitment until a preliminary hearing could be held and until Hutto could undergo limited psychiatric examinations in Houston.

The outcome of the hearing and the local examinations will be determined on Jan. 29 (unfortunately too late for this article). If, as seems likely at this point, Hutto is committed for 90 days, the effect will be hardly less damaging to Pacifica than the bombings.

It will also be a calculated and callous disposition of Hutto. Given his past activities, we might not grieve overly at that turn of events, but it can and has happened in just such a manner to better people than Jimmy Hutto. It becomes clear that our foremost enemies are far better armed and ultimately much more dangerous than one man with a few sticks of dynamite.



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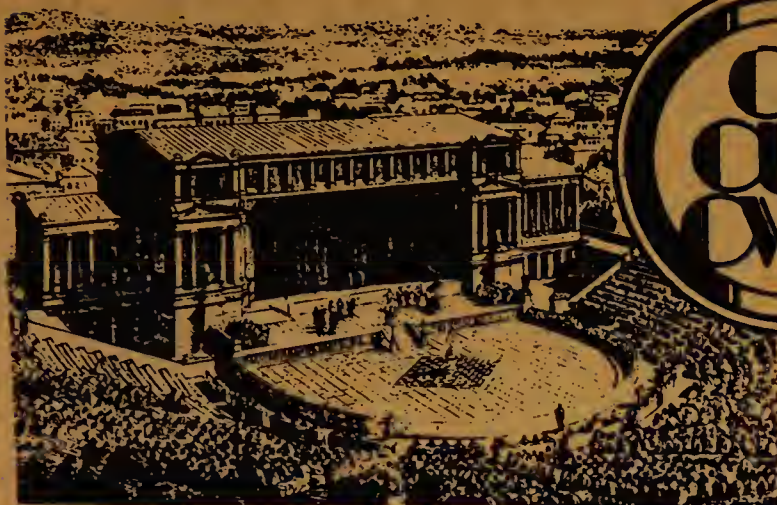
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Feb. 19 — Captain Beefheart & the Magic Band, with  
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## RAMBLING NOTES

### Manager's Report

I've heard that there are a lot of rumors circulating concerning OF OUR OWN. I haven't heard any of them yet so I'm not sure just what to write about so I figured a summary of where OF OUR OWN is at would be best.

The last two week-ends we haven't done well at all. After a rather successful first try at a \$1 admission, we brought in LITTLE FEAT from Cal. and went back to \$2. With a back-up band like KUBA I can't see what's wrong with that. Thanks to \$300 worth of advertising supplied to us by Warner Bros. we broke even. Then, this week, Jan. 22 & 23, we brought in SKYROCKET from Austin, backed them up with LA PAZ, and introduced MISSISSIPPI MUD for the first time in Houston. We went approximately \$150 in the whole. Main reason: Everyone spent their bread watching Canned Heat and Beautiful Day, so Terry Bassett is richer and the people are poorer in more ways than one.

The main problem we are facing is \$750 sitting in Los Angeles as a deposit on the Captain Beefheart-Ry Cooder show. With rent due at the first of the month we need that money, but we can't touch it. So, with the stack of bills getting higher and the crowds getting smaller, we are embarrassed to say we are going to give a benefit for ourselves. We're also breaking the rule of being closed on Sunday to do this. The reason is that the club is going to need around \$1500 from this thing and we can't hope to get that on a week-night. I know this might not sound fair, especially since we have turned down other organizations that wanted benefits on Sundays, but without OF OUR OWN there won't be a place for them to have benefits on any of the days of the week. If OF OUR OWN closes a lot of the local bands won't be able to afford their free gigs at Milby Park. Anyway, the benefit will be Feb. 7 and just about every name band in the area will play it. Admission will be a dollar. We'll publish a playing schedule later.

Help us, people. Without you we can't do anything. We've lowered the usual admission to \$1, put in the biggest and best light shows in Texas, turned over the club facilities for community use time and time again. Without you and your friends we can't make it. Our books are being brought up to date right now. By the end of the month anyone should be able to audit them. If there's something you don't like about OF OUR OWN or something that is missing, come let us know. We want to hear from you. To give you a rough idea of what we are up against, here's a weekly overhead listing.

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Since the bands get 50% of the total gate it would take 675 people a night to make a \$1 week-end break even. Last week-end we didn't even have 675 total for Fri. and Sat. Besides that the light show is gonna cost us an extra \$50 a week. What it all boils down to is that if you want this place to remain open and function, get involved in it and turn your friends on to it. We're here to serve, but we can't do anything without your help.

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Feb. 7 - BENEFIT \$1  
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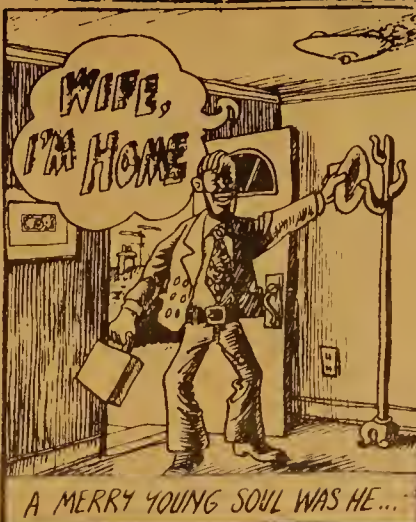
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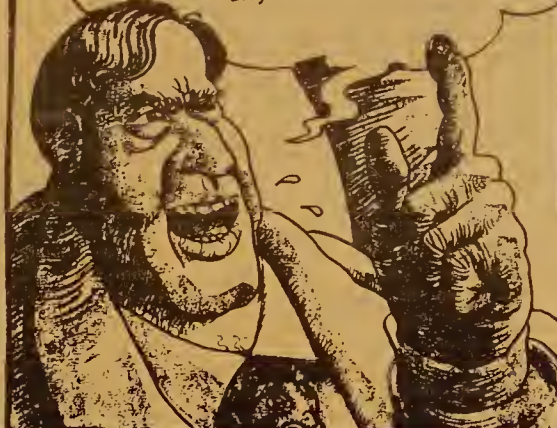


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It's 3:30 s.m. and I'm tired and just got home from the mid-night show of Canned Heat-Beautiful Day. I had seen both of these groups before, so I was expecting some heavy sounds. (They only announced the second show a couple of days before, but by midnight there were zero ducats available.) This created a now-familiar situation outside of local rock concerts--a fairly large number of people left out because of lack of money or room inside, or both. A crowd of nearly a hundred encircled the door (outside) at the beginning of the concert. Five of six county sheriffs (all black or chicano) stood near the front of the crowd, while seven or eight city pigs (all white) were back near the door, armed with mace. Bruiser Barton (of Dry Heave fame) entertained the crowd with some spontaneous street theatre. "It's just a guy doing some mime," said Concerts West promoter Terry Basset.

Nobody told Herman Short's boys, however, and twenty or thirty "special squad" pigs showed up with their three-foot-plus riot clubs. A pig told me once that these guys are nicknamed the "hard-nosed headknock-

ers", which I believe. Anyway, these pigs must have missed out on the Spiro beatings (see story elsewhere this issue), because they looked like they wanted to whip some hippy ass. They didn't get their chance, cause all the freaks just moved across the street and played their games. When all the extra oinkers realized that no freaks gave a shit about fighting them, they split. So much for the outside.

thing you have to go out in the aisles. But if you do that the ushers come hassle you. Besides, everybody can't fit in the aisles. So you just sort of have to sit there and clap, which gets old fast, especially if it's in those early morning hours. Canned Heat played "Boogie" anyway, and people of course dug the shit out of it. But it wasn't near as good as it would have been under other circumstances, if you

hear. But again, the Music Hall is just not the place to get loose with sounds. I mean, the acoustics are fine, but so is my stereo, and in my living room I can at least dance.

They dedicated White Bird to "all the people who came out for the peace march here" which was nice -- at least they knew some of what's coming down. They finished up their set with "Bombay Calling", which was on their first album, but wasn't recorded anywhere near as heavy as they played it this night. The capacity crowd rose to its feet and applauded but couldn't put together enough energy to call them back for an encore. (I couldn't yell at all, I was still 'hoarse from screaming at Spiro the night before.

So we all just sort of filed out. It was gettin' really late and lots of people were almost too stoned-tired to move. I kept thinking what a weird concert this was, in a lot of ways much weirder than any of the many others I have been to. But then they all are pretty weird, aren't they?

--Jim Shannon

## CANNED HEAT BEAUTIFUL DAY

Meanwhile, the heavy sounds that drew these masses where being produced. With Bob "Bear" Hite blowin' a mean harp and Harvey Mandel puttin' down some righteous lead guitar, the Heat lived up to their reputation as some cats who are livin' the blues.

Their hard drivin' music is always sure to move the crowds, but in a place like the Music Hall its hard to get moved too much, with all the fancy seats crowded together. If you want to dance and jump around or some-

catch my meaning.

Then came It's a Beautiful Day. Opening up with that instrumental that I can never remember the name of from their second album *Marrying Maiden*, they moved right into people's heads, which was pretty easy, since we were all sitting in neat little rows. David Laflamme is the energy focus of this high energy group, and is one of the finest violin players in the rock music scene. A careful mixture of new songs and popular album cuts gave people gust what they wanted to

## HI-SKOOL RAP-UP

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Trouble has erupted again at Clear Creek high skool. This time the hassle involves the selling of that nasty underground newspaper, none other than Space City! One of our vendors, John Scott, was selling some papers during lunch on Tuesday, Jan. 19. Business was pretty good. He had sold 18 in about five minutes, and had only two left, when two skool pigs named Meishin and Ekland grabbed him and dragged him down to principal Gofarth (For more info on this pig Gofarth, see Space City! Vol.2 no.15 & 16)

When they got him down to the office, they read the skool rule concerning distribution of printed materials. Everything supposedly has to be approved by somebody. Ekland kept urging Gofarth to read through the paper. Then they went through and underlined all the "no-no's" -- ("good shit", stoned head", etc.) Asst. Principal Neil said the first page was good enough evidence for him.

They then indefinitely suspended John Scott, and Gofarth said he would just as soon not have him come back. He was also told that whether or not he gets to come back depends on if they "want" him back. John's mother was trying to get help from the skool superintendent, but results of similar appeals in the past have been of dubious value.

It could be that those skool officials got so uptight because their skool has been the subject of recent reports in Hi-Skool Rap-Up and the administration has not always been looked upon favorably. (These people are pigs; what do they expect?) With these men in "control," future trouble at Creek seems more than likely. -- Jim

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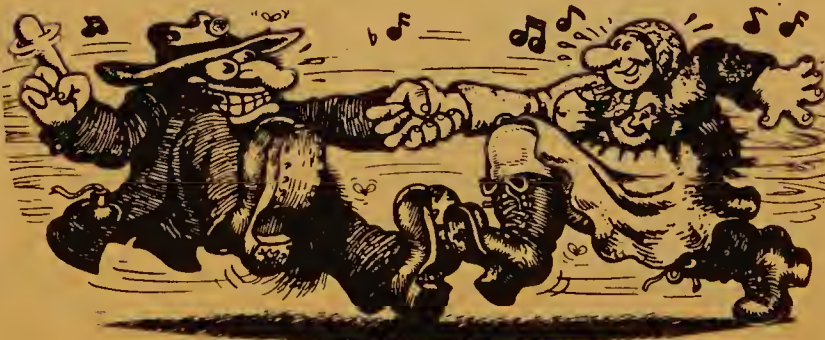
"HELP" says Space City! We need distributors. That means — folks to take papers around to retail shops. We do all distribution ourselves and there's just ain't enuf of us! So some areas of the city don't get hit. Like, we especially need distribution on the Northside, Southeast and Memorial — Spring Branch, frinstance. If you're interested in helping out (we can't pay — it's your once- every-two-week good deed), call Thorne at 5266257. Help get Space City! to the people!



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Julius Carter, publisher of the Forward Times newspaper and a prominent leader in Houston's black community, died on Jan. 18 at the age of 56.

The Forward Times is the largest black newspaper in East Texas. By its strong and forthright editorial positions and by its "Facts of Life" report-

ing, Carter often found himself at odds with Houston's white power structure.

Julius Carter was a man of honesty, intelligence and great ability. His death is a loss not only for Houston's black citizens, but for all Houstonians working for a freer and more human society.

Looking for people in Montrose Area who want to share a house, or who already have a house and need someone else. Call Eric at 774-6138.

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Will the dude at our Spiro "Welcome" who wore the three-cornered hat, played harmonica, and tried to burn some trash in the esplanade please call me at 442-4618. I walked the street with you but I lost you in the masses before I could find out your name. It's important that I talk to you. I think I've known you before. Pat.

Stereo electric guitar. Double pickup. Semi-acoustical. \$95.00. Call Larry at 497-8680 after 4 on weekdays.

Rock benefit for Lee Otis Johnson on January 30 at 10035 Longmont, Starts at 7 p.m. til — 25 cents a person if you can.

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Lost female dog — reddish-blond in color with white crest on throat, 18" high, 25 lbs. Named "Daphne". Lost in Hermann Park Jan. 10th. REWARD! Call 528-3549 after 5 p.m.

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## ★ leaders for the people

To Space City Blues:

I wrote you a letter about the philosophical side of the Revolution, and it looks pretty good in print in the Jan. 14 issue.

While re-reading it, I got to thinking: has there ever been an immortal political or philosophical leader — self-ish, sober, or otherwise — who has been on the side of the Majority in power? I can't at this moment think of one. The people the world remembers always seem to be the ones who fought the bums at the top. Hampton, Che, the King, Lincoln (that so-called "ignorant country boy"); even big George Washington, who was offing the Limeys and the tea tax. Not to mention Joan of Arc (who in her present incarnation is known as Jane Fonda, but is still hung up in some negative karma). You can carry it on up to Jesus himself, and to Buddha whose fasting for enlightenment could hardly be called kapitalistic excess.

The message is that Dick & Spiro really seem to believe that everybody's going to love them for enforcing the old order and roughing up what is original. Why doesn't someone tell them that if they want to be remembered, *really* remembered and honored, they ought to get over on the side of the poor and the oppressed?

However, let us not scant what George Bernard Shaw said somewhere about people who sacrifice themselves without really working for anything. Something to the effect that "The martyr is the only individual who can gain immortality without possessing any exceptional abilities."

Signed,  
Me  
Houston

## people above flag ★

Dear Space City!

This past week a young man was arrested and given a two year probation sentence for wearing the American flag between the back pockets of his pants. He was "lucky" — his sentence at a maximum for "desecration of the flag" could have been 25 years.

The flag is supposedly a symbol for all Amerika stands for. As children in public schools we paid homage to this cloth symbol praising god and country in the same breath. What we really paid homage to was something else.

This something else is the false nationalistic pride derived from our definition of a nation. We consider ourselves Amerikans, Russians, or Norwegians. We pledge the oath of loyalty to land stretching between arbitrary boundaries. This pledge of loyalty entitles us to fight wars to further expand the boundaries of the nation.

We must recognize that a nation, any nation, is an idea and that is all. No nation is scared or enduring. The only enduring nation will be one nation; the only enduring peace will come when there is a United Nation not a United Nations.

Therefore, in order to attain this goal of enduring peace we must abolish our reverence for the symbols that divide mankind. We must not pay homage to any flag or any nation. To pay homage to these only serves to perpetuate narrowmindedness, bigotry and prejudice. Prejudice stifles any attempts to create a world nation by creating instead convenient stereotypes of people. The Vietnamese are "gooks" and hence sub-human. Man kills not people but the stereotypes.

The flag worship commonly called patriotism serves only to perpetuate blind stereotypes and loyalties. The loyal Amerikan, Russian or Norwegian is supposed to feel pride in this symbol regardless of what his nation is doing to impede the growth of a true United Nation. The symbol may also be equated with a certain stereotyped member class of the so-called nation.

Therefore, flags as symbols serve only to reinforce disastrous stereotypes within and without so-called nations. These stereotypes only serve to impede progress for world unity and peace.

No flag or nation is more sacred than life.

Jean Croce  
Houston

## really for peace ★

People:

You really blew my mind. All along you were against violence and peace, but are you really? See page three of Volume two Number 15. Is

not support of the Viet Cong a support of violence? Has the author of the article ever been to Viet Nam? If they win, will the people of the South have a Government like the North? Are they free? I didn't agree with this article at all — as you very well see. Maybe you can give me a better explanation of what you meant by this article.

Even your cartoon on page 21 advocated violence.

Signed,  
Ken

P.S. I am a U.S. Army helicopter pilot!

lounge with sofas and reading materials while the back is being converted into a dance hall-theatre area. We hope to be bringing movies, speakers and plays here in addition to musicians. At present we have a membership of 95. Memberships are sold for five dollars. All members have a voice in what happens at Edge City. However, we are not a country club. Everyone is welcome to participate in any or all of Edge City's activities. Membership fees are basically a fundraising project as Edge City is backed only by the people.

We can now be considered the switchboard for Mississippi. We can crash people and give referrals to other



## ★ jane (of arc?)

Dear Space City!

In your recent articles about Jane Fonda, she is shown as some kind of Joan of Arc of the peace movement. The fact is when she started this crusade, she didn't know anything about the subject of the first American revolution. On one of the TV talk shows she tried to relate the Vietnamese situation to the American Revolution saying that why should the U.S. interfere in the Viet Nam revolution on either side when no one interfered in ours?

Any idiot knows that the French saved the Rebels in the American Revolution and that the Germans were paid mercenaries for the British. Of course Jane has now done her homework and comes on like she's the original revolutionary. But where was she in 1965 when other actors (Robert Vaughn for example) were protesting sending combat troops?

As a matter of fact where was Space City?

Where was I?

Robert  
Houston

## mississippi movement missed ★

Dear brothers and sisters  
of Space City!

Most everyone has a tendency to pass over Mississippi when the topic of radical movement action comes up, and it is about time we got something together worth one's time to mention. Well, Edge City is Jackson's answer to all the other US cities who have their communities together. We are unique in many ways — to our knowledge we are the only incorporated co-operative in the US and at the same time part of the New Left. Edge City is the first project of Youth Enterprises of Mississippi, Inc. In time we hope to be bringing in enough bread to fund other movement organizations, raise defense funds (badly needed here!) as well as expand Edge City.

About Edge City: At present we have acquired an office building containing three offices, a lobby and a large garage in the back. We have converted the three offices into a book-and-record shop, a leather co-op, and a craft shop. The lobby has become a

movement organizations as well as referrals to free medical aid, legal aid, etc.

Our shops will be opening Monday, Jan. 25 and if all goes well we hope to have a big opening night Feb. 7 in the dance hall with Candy Shoestring (a local Miss. band), Shadowfax (a band from Arkansas) and other assorted groovy people.

We would like to become vendors of Space City! Could really dig it if you'd hurry them along as fast as possible so we can begin sales right away.

love and peace  
Debby Swanson for Edge City ★

## pow petition pandering

Hail to Larry Vance of KNUZ. What a super patriot! While we apathetic ner-do-wells are walking around free (with the exception of those who dared cross against the light in front of the Astroworld Hotel) Poor Larry sits imprisoned by his own choice to dramatize the plight of those unfortunate POW's in North Viet Nam. The patriots ask for the release of 1,200 POW's. In other words we can continue to bomb North Viet Nam and should not expect retaliation, then when our fly boys are shot down we say release them. "Free them so they can drop a few more tons on you." Very logical. Good camouflage by Pig Nixon. Dear stupid uninformed Amerika, consider these poor boys. Don't mention the 45,000 who have died senselessly or how we are now bombing Cambodia. Here's hoping Vance stays up there forever! Oh yes, who is going to pay for Louie's trip to Paris to deliver this toilet paper with 750,000 signatures on it?

How about a petition asking the people of South Viet Nam if they want U.S. Imperialism to continue.

Dave Armstrong

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# flicks

The Screening Room is one of the few small theaters in Houston showing "avant garde" films instead of skin flicks. The cost at the door is high (\$3.00), but the films inside have been really good the past few weeks. In addition, on every Fri. and Sat. at midnight until Feb. 27 the Screening Room is showing a program of underground films, which are generally rejuvenating, revitalizing and weird. This week: "Bed Sitting Room", a first run with Rita Tushingham and Richard Lester; "A Hunting We Will Go", starring Laurel and Hardy; Fri. and Sat. midnight — an underground film program by various film-makers entitled "The Aesthetics of Need and Satisfaction."

**SCARY MOVIES** ... the kind your parents don't want you to see ... will be shown Sunday afternoon, Jan. 31, at 3 p.m., at the Texas Rose Cafe, 2400 Brazos, 25 cents admission. The flicks will be *Wilmington High School Rising*, *America K.K.A.*, and *People's Park*.

*A Time for Burning* by Wm. Jersey. When a Lutheran minister in Omaha attempts to establish contact between members of his white church and those of a black one he uncovers reservoirs of prejudice and mistrust. Also *Il Posto* by Ermanno Olmi. A tale of a young man's first encounter with the adult world. Jan. 29, 8 p.m., at the auditorium of Rice Univ. Media Center

*On Approval* by Clive Brook, with *The Lady from Shanghai*, a psychological crime thriller by Orson Welles. Jan. 30, 8 p.m., at the aud. of Rice Univ. Media Center

*Point of Order*, kinescopes of the Army - McCarthy hearing, and *The Married Couple* Feb. 5, 8 p.m., at the Rice Univ. Media Center

*On the Bowery*, a film study of skid row derelicts in New York, (if you haven't had the educational experience of visiting the Bowery, you really should see this), and *Tokyo Story*. Feb. 6, 8 p.m., at the Rice Univ. Media Center

*Congar Country*, an outdoor film that covers a broad spectrum of wildlife. At Cinemas Northline, Gulfgate, Meyerland, Jan. 29, and at Park View, Feb. 3

*Australia*, color travel film, opens Jan. 29, 8 p.m., at Jones Hall

*Simon of the Desert* (Feb. 2) and *Woman of the Dunes* (Feb. 9), Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m., University of St. Thomas, 3812 Montrose, Anderson Hall, 522-7911

*Flying America*, film of America taken by a young couple during five months in a plane, admission free, Houston Room, U of H, Tues. Feb. 9, 8:30 p.m.



*After the Whale*, a study of whales with recordings of their songs. All whale freaks be sure to get goodly stoned and watch this on channel 8, Jan. 31 at 7:30

*The Turned-On Crisis*, program about drugs with computer animations and participating "authorities" and personalities: US Surgeon General Jesse, Dr. Sidney Cohen, O.J. Simpson, Arnold Palmer, Marty Allen and Greg Morris. You probably know more than they do on the subject but if you want to watch it's on channel 8, Feb. 3, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

*Because That's My Way*, in a 16-hour encounter session, ten people from different backgrounds in the drug culture confront each other. Imagine a tea group which includes a TV camera! Channel 8, Feb. 3, 6 p.m.

*The Picture Show*, 4 1/2 hours of Boris Karloff, W.C. Fields, and Clark Gable movies, channel 2, 12 noon, Feb. 6

*Buckminster Fuller on Space Ship Earth*, a profile of this architect, engineer, inventor, author, scientist, teacher and philosopher. He writes on ecology; this guy is really heavy and it should be a good show, channel 2, Feb. 7, 4 p.m.

*Children's Film Festival*, channel 11, Jan. 31, 3:30, might be interesting



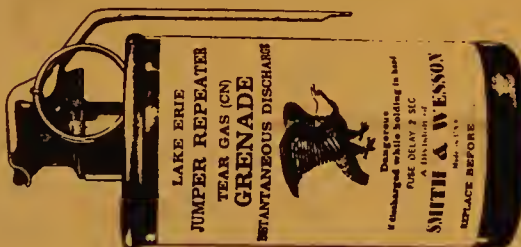
## etc...

For all you freaks out there who have been aimlessly wandering about the countryside looking for grass plants to destroy, the federal narcotics bureau has come to your aid. For only 10 cents you can get a leaflet that shows full color pictures of the evil weed, and detailed instructions on how to go about finding it. The leaflet, published in cooperation with the Dept. of Agriculture, describes precisely the terrain on which grass plants can be found. If you are interested, "Wild Hemp: How to Control It" can be ordered from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.

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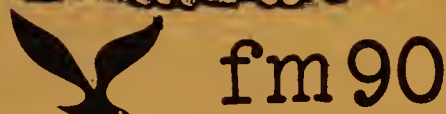
# ins/outs

The 1971 South Texas Checker Tournament will be held Sat. and Sun., Jan. 30 and 31, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the Gulf Coast College Building, 3714 Main St. in Houston. First prize is \$50.00 and a trophy, 9 prizes in all

The Jewish Community Center announces that spring adult education classes will be offered, including oil painting, ceramics, bridge, Spanish, sewing, photography, jewelry making, aviation ground school, yoga, modern dance, and sculpture. Open to the entire community. Registration forms and a free brochure may be obtained by calling 729-3200.

Cesar Chavez, founder of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, is coming to Houston Sat., Feb. 6, to build support for the latest UFWOC venture, the strike and boycott against non-union lettuce. Sunday at 2 p.m. there will be an ecumenical service — rally at the Houston Room at U of H University Center. This is important and we should all go!

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*Led Zeppelin* is coming around the middle of Feb. That's all the info available on the concert right now. Hope you have better luck finding the date than I did

*Denim* with *Everett and Castille* (a folk group from Austin) at the Texas Rose Cafe Jan. 29 and 30, 9 - 12 fri., 9 - 1 sat., 50 cents

*Seals and Cross* 1 1/2 hour concert over KUAM, Tues. Feb. 2

Joan Baez, Jan. 14, 8 p.m., \$2.



for schedule, see pg. 25

## Pig coming to UH Feb.3

The Justice Dept. is sending a speaker to U of H on Feb. 3. It will be Don Santarelli, Associate Attorney General and author of the D.C. Crime Bill (No-knock law). Be there Feb. 3 to confront Assistant Fascist.

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